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By David Rinx Jones

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Nadir threatens a 'Watergate' about the Tories



Nadir: his disclosures could come as early as next week

From Christopher Walker in Turkish-occupied Nicosia

'We have the material; I am very happy with it'

AN EMBITTERED Asil Nadir, the fugitive businessman at the heart of a row over Tory party funding, has threatened complete disclosure about the conduct of government ministers which he says will have more damaging repercussions for Britain "than the Watergate affair was for America".

In an exclusive 40-minute interview with *The Times* in his plush fourth-floor office here, the door guarded by burly young gunmen and television cameras monitoring the entrance stairs, Mr Nadir — who fears an attempt by the SAS to recapture him — said he would never return to England to face trial while the present government remains in power.

Looking agitated and with a strong facial tic acquired since his flight to freedom six weeks ago, the chain-smoking Mr Nadir attacked both Lord Tebbit, the former Conservative party chairman, and Lord McAlpine, the former party treasurer, for recent remarks about him. He dismissed these as part of a deliberate "disinformation campaign by the Tories to try and discredit my threatened disclosures".

He told me: "Everything that I will be saying will be substantiated by relevant documents. We have already gathered the material, and I am very happy with it."

Mr Nadir refused to spell out in advance the claims he will be making about his financial contributions to the Tories or his relations with individual ministers — with one of whom he is suspected of sharing a business interest in an Isle of Man registered company. "I will not be pushed into making these details public. The timing will be of my own choosing. I do not intend to be rushed by their disinformation campaign against me," said the founder of Polly Peck.

But he said that the co-ordinated presentation of his case, including "the who, where and why", could begin as early as next week. It is likely to come in a series of press and television interviews rather than a single press conference, though a final decision on this does not yet appear to have been taken. *The Financial Times* is one paper which has put forward a bid to publish the details.

Asked whether his relations with Michael Mates, the Northern Ireland minister who gave him a watch inscribed "Don't let the buggers get you down", and Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, who raised his case with the attorney-general, would be involved in the disclosures, Mr Nadir, who chain-smoked Silk Cut throughout the conversation, said: "Yes. I will have to spell out everything in order to clear up this whole tragic affair."

Mr Nadir, who is understood to have instructed Christopher Morgan, his British-based public relations consultant, to assist with the presentation of the details of his political links, added: "It is the right of people in the whole of the world to know exactly how the government-supported authorities in Britain have acted in a criminal fashion. People have the right to judge whether England is a safe place to live in or to be a businessman in". Mr Morgan left here on Tuesday after completing details of Mr Nadir's revelations.

Negotiations for my interview began at Mr Nadir's fortress-style villa in the sleepy village of Lapta, which is guarded by four plainclothes gunmen as well as a uniformed policeman from the self-styled Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).

Guards loaded submachineguns into the boot of one of Mr Nadir's three black, smoked-glass, bullet-proof Mercedes, and I was instructed to follow on the road to his office, a tower block conveniently close to the foreign ministry of the pariah republic occupied since the 1974 Turkish invasion.

The police en route treated his motorcade with the respect usually reserved for visiting dignitaries: at crossroads all other traffic was halted and speed limits were ignored. Mr Nadir was hustled by his bodyguards into the expensively fitted office building to prevent any sniper's bullet. "He is a very strong man, we all love him here," my taxi driver said admiringly. Like other Turkish Cypriots, he saw Mr Nadir as a returning hero who had outwitted the island's

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Fall in jobless boosts hope of early recovery

By Philip Webster and Philip Bassett

THE government won a double boost yesterday, with the unemployment total dropping by 26,100, its fourth consecutive monthly fall, and inflation unchanged at 1.3 per cent.

The announcements came after Kenneth Clarke, the new Chancellor of the Exchequer, persuaded the cabinet to fix a public spending target hailed by the government as the toughest for 15 years. The aim is to keep the growth in spending, after accounting for inflation, less than the growth in the economy until at least 1997, the latest year for the next election.

In a break with convention, the cabinet also agreed to end the traditional Budget purdah which has prevented Chancellors from discussing the economy publicly in the run-up to the announcement of tax changes. Mr Clarke and the prime minister will be free to say what they want, although they will be reticent about tax. Other ministers will be expected to refer questions about taxation to the Chancellor.

The jobless and inflation figures raise Mr Clarke's hopes of speeding the recovery and easing the pressure on him as he struggles to balance the Treasury books. With unemployment at 2,913,800, the total has now shrunk by 80,000 in the past four months, a statistic described by David Hunt, the employment secretary, as a remarkable achievement.

Britain is the only country in Europe where joblessness is decreasing and ministers are growing more optimistic that the politically embarrassing jobless total is on a downward path. It was the largest monthly fall since October 1988.



Mr Major said yesterday that unemployment in Britain was still far too high, but he was delighted at the fall, which came not only as inflation maintained its low level but car sales also showed a sharp increase.

The figures came as a relief to the cabinet as it decided to stick to the existing spending ceiling for 1994-5 of £253.6 billion and for 1995-6 of £263.3 billion. Growth in the total for 1996-7 will be kept to 1 per cent or below. According to Downing Street and Treasury officials, the result was one of the toughest ever agreed.

It means effectively that there will be no real growth in spending for the next two years. Because of increased take-up of social security benefits, the growth in the elderly population and its impact on the health service, and the growing numbers of young people going into further and higher education, some departments will face real cuts in their budgets. In the March Budget, the £50 billion deficit for this year was forecast to fall to £39 billion in two years' time and £30 billion by 1997-8.

Despite what officials called the demanding nature of the cabinet's decision, it failed to satisfy the Conservative right, which had called on Mr Clarke to cut the previously agreed targets. Last night the right was predicting that his decision not to meant big tax increases ahead.

Its suspicion of Mr Clarke's intentions was reinforced by the Chancellor's firm ruling-out of hospital "hotel charges" or prescription charges for pensioners which have been raised in Treasury papers prepared for the long-term review of spending by Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary.

It is understood that the vehemence with which Mr Clarke rejected such options in a BBC television interview on Wednesday took some of his senior officials by surprise. Mr Clarke's supporters said that they showed his true political instincts to the fore: he saw no point in courting unpopularity for policy options he had no intention of implementing.

John Townend, chairman of the backbench finance committee, said that he was stag-

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UN gives order for arrest of Somali warlord

From Sam Kiley in Mogadishu

THE United Nations yesterday ordered the arrest and detention of General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the Mogadishu warlord, hours after a six-nation force had launched an air bombardment and followed up with house-to-house fighting and sniper duels in the narrow back streets of the Somali capital.

Four Moroccan UN soldiers and about 100 Somalis, many of them women and children, were killed in the fighting. Thirty-six UN soldiers were wounded as they closed in on General Aidid's mansion in the centre of the city. The Moroccans were killed when his militiamen used women and children as shields, a tactic they have often used before, while gunmen threw grenades. A Somali employee of a French aid agency and seven others were wounded when a helicopter fired a missile into its compound.

Admiral Jonathan Howe, the head of the UN's operation in Somalia, said General Aidid would be "gently" treated if he gave himself up to UN forces. Before he went missing, General Aidid said on Wednesday: "I think I am stronger than at any time in the past. I am a free man. I am still in my land. I am with my people. I am in a very good position."

Anticipating possible criticism, a spokesman for Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, said yesterday: "This man [Aidid] needs to be understood for what he is, one of the warlords responsible for the deaths of 350,000 people [in famine last year]."

General Aidid's whereabouts last night were unknown. He is rumoured to have gone to ground among his Habre Gedir clansmen near to the Bokara gun market in the east of the city.

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Politicians linked to supergun deals

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

A THREE-YEAR enquiry into the affairs of an engineering firm set to supply fuel for the Iraqi "supergun" has heard wide-ranging allegations involving senior British politicians and civil servants, illegal arms deals and the country's security forces.

But the Department of Trade and Industry report into Astra Holdings, which collapsed in 1992 after buying a Belgian company contracted to supply fuel for the supergun, has failed to detail the allegations and decided they were beyond the remit of the enquiry into Astra's finances.

The report, published yesterday, heavily criticises Gerald James, former chairman of Astra, and his fellow directors at the time, over the company's financial management. Mr James had pressed the DTI inspectors to investigate and report on his claims, "certain of which," the inspectors say, "apparently had little or no direct connection with Astra".

Mr James's allegations involve, according to the report, "senior UK politicians and civil servants and allegations of illegal arms deals involving foreign governments and government agencies". No further details were given in the 545-page document.

Astra executives will not be prosecuted for their management of the company, despite widespread irregularities and deception uncovered by the inspectors.

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Leaflets warn gays of killer

By Richard Ford

LEAFLETS warning gay men against taking risks with strangers will be handed out at a huge gay and lesbian march in London tomorrow.

An estimated 100,000 people will attend the march in south London, which is a regular part of the annual Gay and Lesbian Pride Day in the capital. Speakers will warn the crowd about the serial killer stalking the homosexual world.

The leaflet, headed "Catch the Killer", urges people to contact a firm of homosexual solicitors or the Gay London Policing Group if they have information about the killings and feel that they do not want to call the police.

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Record stand piles pressure on Gooch

By Our Sports Staff

GRAHAM Gooch's threat to resign as England cricket captain if his side failed to improve on its dismal showing in the first Test failed to revitalise the team as Australia scored 292 for two on the first day of the second Test at Lord's yesterday.

Openers Michael Slater and Mark Taylor both hit centuries in a record 260 first-wicket stand that left the tourists in total command.

Gooch had called for a vast improvement in attitude and more "mental toughness" from his players as England hoped to stop their slide into crisis. Six successive Tests have been lost, and Australia are already 1-0 up in this Ashes series after a 179-run victory at Old Trafford.

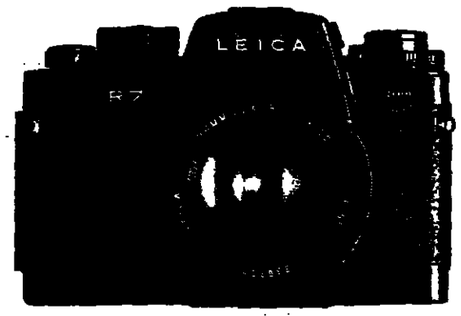
Despite his appointment a week ago as captain for the second half of the six-Test summer, Gooch said he would resign if things did not change. They have got worse.

Slater's career-best 152, his maiden Test century, and Taylor's 111 — his tenth for Australia and fourth against England — have already made certain that Gooch's side will again be facing a depressingly familiar fight for survival by tonight.

☐ At Royal Ascot yesterday, Drum Taps won the Gold Cup for the second successive year. Lord Huntingdon, his trainer, is now considering an ambitious challenge for the Melbourne Cup in November.

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Nadir threatens 'Watergate' on Tories

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former British overlords. Mr Nadir had tactfully removed the watch presented to him before his escape by Mr Mates and replaced it with one less controversial. "Things have not got me down, I am so relaxed I am almost asleep," he said in reference to the unfortunate inscription. "I think that the business about the watch has been overdone. You people [in the media] should be concentrating on the wider ramifications about what happened."

Mr Nadir appeared to be relishing the prospect of taking revenge against those political leaders in Britain who friends here believe led him on to donate large sums of money to the Tories and other causes in the false belief that he would receive a knighthood. Asked if it was the British system or the politicians he was angry with, the bankrupt bail-jumper with the affluent Mediterranean lifestyle replied: "There is no distinction. It is the politicians who run the system."

In the lobby of his headquarters was a large mosaic of the founder of modern Turkey, Mustapha Kamel Ataturk. The walls of his wood-panelled office, which the gunmen never left, were lined with files supposedly containing some of the secrets with which Mr Nadir intends to embarrass the Tory establishment. The fax machine hummed continuously with the latest cuttings from London.

Asked about his relations with Lord Tebbit, to whom it is alleged he was introduced in 1983 by Mehmet Sakir, a Turkish businessman, and who this week spoke scathingly of him, Mr Nadir's smile changed to a grimace. "Obviously he is one of those British men who do not believe in what they preach about a man being innocent until he is proven guilty. His remarks [accusing Mr Nadir of being involved in criminal conspiracies] are just part of the Alice in Wonderland society that exists in modern Britain, where theoretically you have a judiciary that is supposed to be independent."

Mr Nadir's temper rose. Wearing a tailored white shirt which failed to disguise the rolls of fat now hanging over his expensive trousers, he added: "Ask yourself, is that not supposed to be the case? Yet Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, came over here personally trying to intervene with the government of the TRNC to try and persuade them to return me to Britain. Is that not a little odd? I think people ought to practice what they preach."

Mr Nadir showed similar disdain for Lord McAlpine, whom he accused of trying to smear him in the British press by implying that he had tried in 1991 to "blackmail" the former Tory party treasurer into helping him fight his £30-million theft and fraud case by otherwise threatening to disclose the full extent of his donations to the Conservative party.

"I was very surprised to see Lord McAlpine's statement, but of course I understand his motives", Mr Nadir added. "He was treasurer of the party and now he is trying to discredit me. But I am not interested in their disinformation campaign, I am going to present the truth."

Asked to describe his mood six weeks after his escape from £3.5 million bail via France, Mr Nadir lit yet another cigarette, sipped strong coffee from the percolator always hot by his side, and said: "I am determined. I am determined to clear my name and to leave not a single item unturned. The government-supported authorities in Britain have behaved in a criminal fashion. I repeat the word criminal and we will substantiate this."

He did not try to disguise his enjoyment at the sudden new upsurge of interest in his case and its political ramifications. "Normally, any story in Britain is forgotten in a week, but after six weeks, this is going stronger than ever," he said with a boyish grin. "I can assure you, there will be more media interest when the information we have is made public."

On yesterday's evidence, it was impossible to judge whether there do exist documented facts which will substantiate Mr Nadir's conspiracy theory against the Tory party and Britain's judiciary. When I asked him to provide at least some of his alleged documentary evidence, he flatly refused, saying the timing was not yet right, and denying that he was using the media to attract even more attention. "The whole thing is going to be totally substantiated. It will show them in their true colours," he said.

To a number of specific questions about his alleged links with named political figures, Mr Nadir would only answer: "No comment on that today." Although he would probably deny it, revenge against those politicians who once flattered him appears now to have turned into an obsession, filling most waking hours in what is otherwise a very restricted life in a sunny but isolated backwater.

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ADRIAN BROOKS

Tory treasurer admits fault in accepting gifts

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT AND ANGELA MACKAY

THE man who was treasurer of the Conservative party at the time Asil Nadir made donations to the party admitted last night that he was "wrong" to have allowed the party to accept the £440,000 and had "misjudged" the situation.

Baron McAlpine of West Green was speaking after the defence by Sir Norman Fowler, the Tory chairman, of the party's handling of political donations. Mr Nadir, former chairman of the Polly Peck group, is charged with theft and false accounting and jumped bail last month, fleeing to Northern Cyprus.

Although Lord McAlpine was not directly involved in the transactions, he could have intervened. "I could have said: 'Well hang about this fellow [Mr Nadir] is a crook," but he didn't seem like a crook at the time." Interviewed on ITN, he admitted that offshore accounts were often used. British citizens living in Kuwait or Monte Carlo could vote in UK elections, he said.

Lord McAlpine said the rules governing political donations needed to be changed: "If I were treasurer now I would instigate a check that companies were declaring donations."

Earlier John Major defended the right of businesses to make big donations to the party. He told the Commons: "British business supports the Conservative party because they believe our policies are right for British business, Britain's future and British jobs."

Nirj Deva, Tory MP for Brentford and Isleworth, spoke last night of his former links with Mr Nadir. He and Michael Stephen, MP for Shoreham, both elected to parliament in 1992, worked together for a consultancy and had been retained by one of Mr Nadir's family companies as advisers to the Turkish Cypriot Association.

Mr Deva said last night: "I only ever met him once in the mid-eighties but I think he has really let the side down. I am really rather shocked that he skipped like that."

Robin Cook, Labour's shadow trade and industry spokesman, is to attempt to discover the complete list of Tory peers and MPs who made representations on Mr Nadir's behalf.



Far from the madding crowd: Asil Nadir relaxes at his home in Lapta, North Cyprus yesterday

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Double act leaves the House intact

Yesterday afternoon, in which prime minister's questions followed Treasury questions, featured two important parliamentary firsts. It was the first time MPs could remember hearing Kenneth Clarke sounding like a Chancellor of the Exchequer answering questions. And it was the first time they could remember John Major sounding like a prime minister.

The reason MPs could not remember hearing Clarke sounding like a Chancellor before was that, before now, he had not been a Chancellor. This was his first day at questions. As to why Mr Major's prime ministerial tone struck the House as such a novelty, we must await the publication of his diaries. For some reasons he succeeded yesterday in hitting a button which has previously eluded him.

John Smith was dismal as usual. He had come in clutching one of those complicated questions about how the Rt Hon Gentleman could reconcile statement A on the umpteenth of June with statement B on the umpteenth of May, particularly given statement C as previously notified to P who had passed it on to Q.

We were soon lost. One of the marvellous things about MPs is that they are truly representative of the nation, being, like the rest of us, fairly dim. "Persil washes whiter" is a complicated thought that the chamber will just about engage with if it is explained twice. The Westland affair was a mite too complicated to catch fire. And MPs have to this day never quite worked out which way the Belgrano was sailing at the operative moment, or why.

Mr Smith's was a clever question, but it was not clever to ask it. Major just swatted it aside with some explanation or other — probably bogus — and told him to try again. "Well, leaving that matter aside," began Smith, and never recovered. Major, wonderfully cool, told him his second go hadn't been much cop either.

Perhaps the employment figures had cheered Major up. His backbenchers added to the good cheer, with noisy support and some yobbish barracking of Smith. Given this duo's track record of offering each other open goals, each then missing the ball and falling flat on his back, it must be Major's turn to fluff it next week.

It's hard to imagine Kenneth Clarke falling flat, however hard you biffed him. Like those Wobbly Men of our infancy, you would expect him to spring back and biff you back, his broad smile and rosy cheeks undisturbed.

He stammered and choked his way through Treasury questions with a sort of bumbling insouciance, saying little of note in response to colleagues great and small, each with a different, and most important, piece of advice to give him on his first parliamentary afternoon. Today they head for their weekend constituency fund-raising luncheons. "As I told the Chancellor on Thursday in the House, ladies and gentlemen..."

Clarke landed a fairly good biff on the nose of his shadow, Labour's Gordon Brown, and sat down.

He was sitting next to one of his junior Treasury ministers, Stephen Dorrell. They took turns at answering questions. Dorrell, who is tall, thin, pale and gaunt, is known by mischievous civil servants as the Grim Reaper. Clarke looks like the Jolly Miller. Performing together at the dispatch box they need only bowler hats and stick-on moustaches to look like Laurel and Hardy.

Near the very back of the back benches, still pale and tense, sat Norman Lamont. As far removed from Lamont as it was possible to get sat Sir Norman Fowler. There was another fine mess they'd all got each other in.

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Major protests over Robinson's Ulster visit plan

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN and Ireland were at loggerheads last night over a planned visit to Ulster today by Mary Robinson, president of the republic.

In an affair threatening to sour relations between the two countries, inflame unionists and put back the search for a political settlement in the province, John Major has protested angrily to Dublin over Mrs Robinson's plans to meet nationalist groups in the republican stronghold of West Belfast.

She is expected to be present at a meeting attended by Gerry Adams, the former Sinn Fein MP.

John Major registered his strong opposition to Mrs Robinson's programme at a meeting with Albert Reynolds, the Taoiseach, at Downing Street on Wednesday night.

Mr Major's objections were not recorded in the eight-point communique issued after the talks, but there is widespread fury in the government at Mrs Robinson's move, which comes only three weeks after her meeting with the Queen.

Mr Major was said to regard Mrs Robinson's plans as insensitive and to fear that they would "stir things up" in Northern Ireland at a time when Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, is attempting to restart all-party talks on the future of the province.

Intense efforts were under way last night to persuade Mrs Robinson to "have a touch of diplomatic flu", as one official put it, or at least modify her programme. Her office has not admitted officially that the visit is going ahead and a spokeswoman said last night no decision had been taken.

Mr Reynolds is understood to be embarrassed by Mrs Robinson's plans, but has told Mr Major that he has no power over the president. One British aide said: "The fact is that they do not have a handle on her. She is her own woman and does it her own way."

Ministers are worried about the political impact on unionists of the spectacle of RUC officers escorting Mrs Robinson through West Belfast and effectively extending their protective cordon to IRA sympathisers and Mr Adams.

Navy reserves fall to defence cutbacks

The Royal Naval Auxiliary Service, a reserve volunteer force which has existed in its present form for more than 30 years, was axed yesterday. Most of the 2,700 volunteers will be told to go. The end was announced in the Commons as part of a cutback of about 4,000 in naval and RAF reserve manpower.

The Royal Navy Reserve, which has minesweeping and other duties in wartime, is also to be cut back. The reductions in manpower in the naval reserve forces will save £8 million a year. Larger cuts in army reserve forces are also expected later this year. In spite of the latest cuts, Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, yesterday confirmed that he wanted to deploy reserves in all three services more widely in operational roles in peacetime.

Sir Robin subpoenaed

Sir Robin Butler, cabinet secretary, was subpoenaed to the High Court yesterday by Ray Petch, 54, a former assistant secretary. He is suing BBC reporter Peter Taylor over broadcast extracts from a memo. Mr Petch was exonerated from leaking the memo, which he wrote. The case continues.

Huntsman cleared

A huntsman alleged to have used his horse to trample a saboteur was last night cleared of assault at Lincoln Crown Court. Brian Fanshawe, 56, of Knossington, Leicestershire, and master of the Cottesmore Hunt, had denied assaulting Martin Casbon, of the Peterborough Hunt Saboteurs.

Elton back in Israel

Elton John returned to Israel yesterday for his scheduled concert, a day after a dispute with photographers and passport officials. After his private jet landed at Ben Gurion airport, Tel Aviv, he was hurried through passport control as police kept photographers away.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Greek government has presented a replica of an Athenian stele to the Speaker of the House of Commons, and not, as incorrectly stated in a caption to a photograph yesterday, a replica of a trireme.

Outward Bound

A report of the canoeing tragedy off the Dorset coast (March 24) quoted a coastguard referring to "outward bound schools". Although the article made it clear that the trip was organised by the St Albans Venture Centre, The Outward Bound Trust would like us to point out that they had nothing to do with its organisation. This we are happy to do.

Jobless fall boosts hopes

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gered that the cabinet had decided to keep to the original ceilings. "To stick to the control totals means real increases in spending. With a deficit of £50 billion, I find that beyond belief."

John Watts, chairman of the Treasury and civil service select committee, said: "The targets are tough but they are realistic totals. When the figures for subsequent years were decided last year, they were recognised as being extremely tight targets to meet. But keeping to these targets will not do anything to reduce the projected deficit for those years, only to prevent any further deterioration. I hope that the spending review will still yield savings to bring expenditure below these ceilings."

The fall in unemployment by the largest amount since before the recession took many unawares, even ministers. Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, admitted he was surprised unemployment had fallen for four consecutive months but added: "Let us not look a gift horse in the mouth." Some ministers argue that all the economic signs are universally pointing in the right direction. Independent analysts remain sceptical about the unemployment figures, though Whitehall officials and City economists concede that the upward trend in unemployment does seem to have ended.

The 26,100 fall in seasonally-adjusted unemployment in May, to 2,913,800, takes to 78,500 the total decline in unemployment so far this year. The latest figure takes unemployment — still standing at 10.4 per cent of the workforce — to its lowest level for six months.

Unemployment fell in all regions, apart from the North, where it stood still. Unadjusted unemployment in May — the number of people out of work and claiming benefit — fell by 83,932 to 2,916,579 in the largest monthly fall since October 1988, taking the total once again under the sensitive 3 million mark.

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Kidnap victim tells jury how she had a vision of Christ

BY PAUL WILKINSON

STEPHANIE Slater had a vision of Christ as she lay chained, cold, frightened and alone in the dark on the first night of her kidnap. She was so distressed that she believed she had died in the cramped coffin-like box in which she was kept by her kidnapper, Michael Sams, she told a jury yesterday.

As reality returned with the daylight she determined that the only way to save her life was to build a rapport with Sams. Only once did she panic, on the last night of her eight-day ordeal, contemplating suicide when she believed she had been left to die.

Miss Slater, 26, who was in Sams' presence yesterday for the first time since her release in January last year, arrived at Nottingham Crown Court with a colleague, Kevin Watts. She relived her experiences in a highly-charged atmosphere on day seven of Sams' trial. The jury had already heard how the Birmingham estate agent had been kidnapped by Sams as she showed him round a house.

Describing her first night in captivity, gagged, bound and blindfolded, she said: "It was bitterly cold, my arms went to sleep, I had pins and needles. I didn't sleep much, if at all, it was so cold. I thought I had died, I thought I had gone, simply gone.

"I got in my mind a portrait of Christ starkly before me in the blackness. I am not a religious person, so it was quite a shock. It was so cold and my back was killing me. You couldn't describe the pain. I did not know if he was going to kill me or what."

The only time Miss Slater faltered in her evidence was when she described the first time Sams had manacled her wrists and legs and pushed her inside the specially made wooden box which tapered at the foot like a coffin.

She leaned forward in the witness box, her voice broke and she held her hand over her closed eyes. But almost instantly she brushed aside an offer from the judge of an adjournment. She described how only her head poked out at one end of the box, but the whole thing had then been pushed inside a wheely bin and the lid held in place with a rock.

> 'I wanted him to see me as another human being, not just something he could play God with'

Describing what happened the morning after her vision, she said: "I thought to myself about the situation I was in. I knew screaming, shouting and fighting were not working because I had already tried it. I thought if I tried to make him think I was a human being it could make it difficult for him to kill me. I tried building up some sort of a rapport. I tried to talk to him a little with bits of conversation.

"I had done training for my job on how to speak to people, how to deal with difficult clients. I thought it could help. I was determined to have a go.

"It was very slow. I didn't know if it was working. He answered me. As the week progressed I thought he was behaving all right. He was civil to my questions and I tried to respond to his. I felt that some kind of rapport had been built there.

"I wanted to make it hard for him to kill me. I wanted him to see me as another human being, not just something he could play God with. If he got to like me I would be difficult to kill."

Sams, 51, has admitted kidnapping Miss Slater and demanding a ransom of £175,000 from her employers. He denies the kidnap and murder of Julie Dart, 18, a Leeds prostitute and demanding a ransom of £140,000 from West Yorkshire Police. He has also denied blackmailing British Rail for £200,000 with a threat to derail an express train.

Throughout Miss Slater's evidence she never once looked at Sams in the dock. He sat hunched forward staring at the ground, frequently weeping throughout her statement.

She said that although she was constantly frightened for her life she had only broken down on one occasion, the last night when Sams was away for 10 hours collecting her ransom. "He was gone for hours. I thought: he's not coming back. I am going to die here. I thought I'm not going to starve to death and I tried to commit suicide."

During the day she was allowed out to lie on a mattress, still blindfolded and gagged. Close by was a chair and a makeshift lavatory consisting of a bucket and two pieces of wood. Her blindfold was rarely removed and Sams insisted that on those occasions she kept her eyes closed. "I never looked at him. I was too frightened."

The trial continues today.

Working party will look closely at cross-country fences

DAVID HEWITSON



Seconds from disaster: Mark Holliday approaches the fence where he died

Third trials death prompts safety enquiry

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

CONCERN is growing about the safety of horse trials after a rider was killed in Northumberland in the third fatal accident of its kind in three weeks.

Mark Holliday, 23, from Ashkirk, in the Borders, died at Hexham horse trials, nine days after Malcolm Munro-Kerr was fatally injured in a fall at the Lowesby horse trials in Leicestershire. Nine days earlier, Richard Adams, also 23, was killed at the Windsor three-day-event.

The three deaths are being investigated by a working party set up by the British Horse Society to look at the safety of cross-country fences.

Mr Holliday, a former head groom to the European champion, Ian Stark, fell at the thirteenth fence, the water complex. His horse, the seven-year-old Master Platt, owned by Mrs J Millar, was attempting to jump a birch railing coming out of the water. The horse somersaulted, throwing Mr Holliday to the ground. He was taken to Newcastle General Hospital, where he died.

Mr Stark, who had employed Mr Holliday at his yard in Ashkirk for two years, said: "Mark died doing what he loved and he would not want any other horse trial competitors to be deterred from taking part by his tragic, freak accident."

The working party, chaired by Hugh Thomas, director of the Badminton horse trials, will try to determine whether the accident was an isolated incident or if the three deaths are part of a pattern. Mr Thomas said: "The three fatalities have all been at different types of fences. We will investigate each of them thoroughly and I hope we will produce our findings within four weeks."

The working party is also to look at the controversial table fence, a square-shaped obstacle with a flat top which has regularly been used in horse trials and Pony Club events for 30 years. Three out of the last five deaths have occurred at variations of this type of fence, including that of Mr Adams at Windsor.

Despite calls from within the sport to ban such fences, Mr Thomas said he had received no evidence that they were inherently dangerous.

Riders point out that the three recent deaths were all at fences which gave little or no trouble to other competitors. The Table at Windsor, where Mr Adams fell, had been jumped by 159 other riders without incident. The rails where Mr Munro-Kerr fell at Lowesby had been without mishap for four years and 176 horses cleared the fence. More than 300 horses have successfuly negotiated the water complex at Hexham over the past three years and Wednesday's accident was its first.

Writing in *Horse and Hound* magazine this week, Captain Mark Phillips, a member of the working party, says: "There is no question that fences are much better built and much more sympathetic than they were 20 years ago. Man, though, is a competitive beast. The better built a fence, the faster he feels able to travel over it."

☐ Lesley Richards, 22, who was seriously injured after being thrown from her horse in a trotting race at Towyn, Clwyd, on Tuesday, was critically ill in hospital yesterday.

Bristol student dies in 15ft fall after finals prank

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A STUDENT'S prank during celebrations to mark the end of final examinations at Bristol University ended in his death after he fell from a disused hospital building.

John Kilroy, 21, an outstanding law student who was sponsored through university by the army, died when a wall gave way as he tried to reach a traffic cone. He fell 15 feet on to the pavement and broke his neck.

Friends tried to revive Mr Kilroy, but he was dead on arrival at hospital. His father, who was due to identify the body yesterday, said: "We are all just numb — it's a tragic loss."

A university spokeswoman said: "He was a very promising student with a bright future ahead of him. Everyone in the university is shocked by what has happened. It is a very sad and unfortunate accident."

Mr Kilroy was a cadet in the *Officer Training Corps* (OTC) and had planned to go to Sandhurst after graduating.

Yesterday OTC Major Stephen Southall said of Mr Kilroy: "He had excellent officer potential. This is a tragic loss of a promising young man. He was an extremely good cadet who was very popular with other members. He had a promising career ahead of him in the regular army and was being sponsored by the Light Division. He was destined to become a Royal Green Jacket and wanted to go to Sandhurst for a year when he graduated."

A contemporary at the university, who was also a fellow pupil of Mr Kilroy's at Winchester College, said: "John was a very popular chap. He was good-looking and ambitious, and he seemed to have everything going for him. He was very easy-going and had lots of friends. He always worked very hard and played hard."

Michael Nevin, Mr Kilroy's former housemaster at Winchester, said: "He was a quietly spoken lad, calm and industrious. He was quite shy at first but became much more of a leader. His death is absolutely devastating — he was on the brink of a very bright career. Just a moment's prank and all this is wasted when he had the world before him."

Cricketer hits record for 11 sixes

A VILLAGE cricketer is claiming a world record after scoring 11 consecutive sixes. Rob Kelly, 24, was playing for Buckland St Mary, Somerset, when he emulated the West Indian all-rounder Gary Sobers by hitting all six balls of one over for sixes.

Mr Kelly, a worker at a Chard food factory, went on to hit sixes off the first five balls of the next over, from a different bowler. The sixth ball of the second over hit him on the shoulder. Mr Kelly said: "The bowler let fly a beamer, not wanting to be hit for a sixth six."

He ran up a total of 111 not out against Taunton Casuals in division three of the West Somerset league. "It cost me a few drinks," he said.

His all-sixes over alone would have won the game. The Casuals were all out for 24 in reply to Buckland St Mary's 219 for five.

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Watts: arriving at court with Stephanie Slater

Cancer diagnosis errors 'made nine months ago'

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

SPECIALISTS at the hospital where children were unnecessarily treated for cancer after being misdiagnosed claimed last night that the first error was made nine months ago, putting other patients at risk.

Managers ignored repeated complaints about the poor quality of the pathology service at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham, the specialists in charge of the bone tumour service said. They said they had a dossier of 20 cases illustrating the service's shortcomings. Managers denied they had been told of problems in the service until three weeks ago.

Two children were treated at the hospital with chemotherapy, which made their hair fall out and caused other side effects, even though they did not have cancer. Matthew Guest, 9, was misdiagnosed with bone sarcoma, a form of bone cancer, and Debbie Leary, 14, was misdiagnosed with Ewing's tumour, another form of bone cancer. Both had osteomyelitis, a non-malignant disease.

Rodney Sneath, consultant surgeon in charge of the bone tumour service at the hospital, said the 20 cases involved decisions that were "borderline", and were examples of a "below-par service".

"We have been saying for the last three years that we are unhappy with the pathology service," he said.

South Birmingham Health Authority announced this week that it had set up an enquiry.

Dr Gillian Todd, chief executive of the acute unit, said: "The first we knew there was a problem was on May 24 when I was approached by one of the surgeons. We immediately stopped treatment on all patients until their cases had been reviewed and set up the enquiry on May 26." She said that the failure of the bone tumour service to disclose the earlier error would be examined by the enquiry panel.

Dr Patricia Morris Jones, cancer specialist at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, who referred Debbie Leary to Birmingham for treatment, said there was concern about the diagnosis from the start and chemotherapy was delayed while efforts were made to confirm it.

Dr Morris Jones said that Debbie's mother, Linda Leary, had contacted the press when she had read that the health authority planned to review cases up to six months ago, which would have excluded Debbie.

"She was also concerned that the reports that there had been only one case were not accurate," Dr Morris Jones said.

The health authority now plans to review all patients seen in the past year, amounting to 300 cases.

BRIEF

Wedding plea fails

A huntsman jailed for running into a hunt saboteur with a four-wheel cycle failed to obtain his freedom on appeal so that he could get married on Saturday.

Michael Smith, 28, of Stratton Audley, Oxfordshire, was sentenced to two months by Bicester magistrates on Monday. He appealed against sentence at Oxford Crown Court.

His fiancée, Frances Hopkins, 25, fled from the court when the recorder, Martin Wilson, rejected the appeal, saying the assault was "aggressive and dangerous".

Ferry mystery

Police fear Geoffrey Spence, 28, whose body was found on a beach after he vanished from the ferry *Norstar* en route to Hull, was murdered. His credit card has been used.

JP's appeal

Cranog Jones, the Cheltenham magistrate jailed for trying to murder his wife with a home-made gas chamber, has appealed against his conviction and nine-year sentence.

Murder charge

Robin Cowley, 29, was charged with murdering his wife Tracey, 24, who was found strangled near her home in Cannock, Staffordshire, three weeks ago.

Six killed

Three Nottinghamshire landworkers died and five people were hurt when six vehicles crashed near Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

Necklace alert

Oxfam shops are withdrawing 7,000 Guatemalan necklaces because they are poisonous.

Overdose woman 'was doomed'

A WOMAN aged 30 who died alone in a field from a drugs overdose was "doomed from the day she was born", according to her father.

Neil Vine-Miller, a film director, said that after a privileged upbringing his daughter Lucy had gone off the rails. She had been diagnosed as an alcoholic when she was aged 15 and had been expelled from a number of select private schools, including St George's, Ascot, Berkshire.

Mr Vine-Miller, speaking after Robert Wilson, the East Berkshire coroner, had recorded a verdict of suicide at the inquest at Windsor, said Lucy's mother Jean had died from an overdose when his daughter was only seven.

"She was doomed. She didn't have a chance from the day she was born," he said. "She had everything going for her ... somewhere along the line, something went wrong. All parents always ask, 'Why? What did we do wrong?'."

During the inquest the coroner read from a statement made by Robert Windsor, 56, who lived with Lucy in Bracknell, Berkshire, for 13 months. It said: "She had been a heroin addict since the age of 12. She would say if she couldn't kick the habit, she would die in the next couple of years."

Lucy's body lay in a field at Reed's Hill, Bracknell, for more than a day before it was found by a man walking his dog, the inquest at Windsor was told.

When her mother died she lived with her father, and then after being kicked out of schools she went to live with her grandmother. Later she became a patient at several hospitals before seeking help from welfare workers and living with Mr Windsor.

Mr Vine-Miller, whose film work has included *The Revenge of the Pink Panther*, said after the inquest: "She led a life of torture because of her addictive personality. She was seeing a child psychiatrist at the age of four. We just thought she was being a mischievous little girl, but there was something abnormal about Lucy. This is a double tragedy."

Recording his verdict, Mr Wilson, the coroner, said: "This is very sad. You bring your children into the world and you don't know how they are going to turn out."

Muggers beat pregnant woman

A PREGNANT woman was undergoing hospital tests yesterday after she was savagely beaten by three teenage muggers.

The woman, 35, who is expecting a child in two weeks, was battered to the pavement as she tried to stop the teenagers stealing her handbag. An initial check-up by her GP found no apparent damage to the unborn child. But the woman developed severe abdominal pains on Wednesday night and was admitted to hospital yesterday

Doctors said it was too early to say whether the baby had been injured. The woman, who has six children and is expecting the baby early next month, was attacked on Wednesday afternoon in Handsworth, Birmingham, close to her home. Det Insp John Pike, who is in charge of the hunt for the attackers, said: "She was examined by her GP immediately afterwards and seemed to be OK. Unfortunately, during the night she had serious pains and had to go to hospital."

He added: "This was a nasty attack and it must have been very obvious that the woman was pregnant."

The thieves ripped a gold chain with a pearl and diamond pendant from her neck and also snatched her bag, which contained £50.

Police are looking for three black youths, thought to be West Indian. One was 5ft 2in tall and wore a black baseball cap, black jacket and jeans. Another was of average height and wore a green bomber jacket. The third was also of average height and wore orange and black jeans.

☐ Women and black and ethnic minorities are most fearful of violence at work, a report by the white-collar Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union will say today.

It says staff shortages put stress on employees and the resulting increase in waiting time makes customers angry, often leading to abuse. Health, voluntary and finance workers are most at risk.

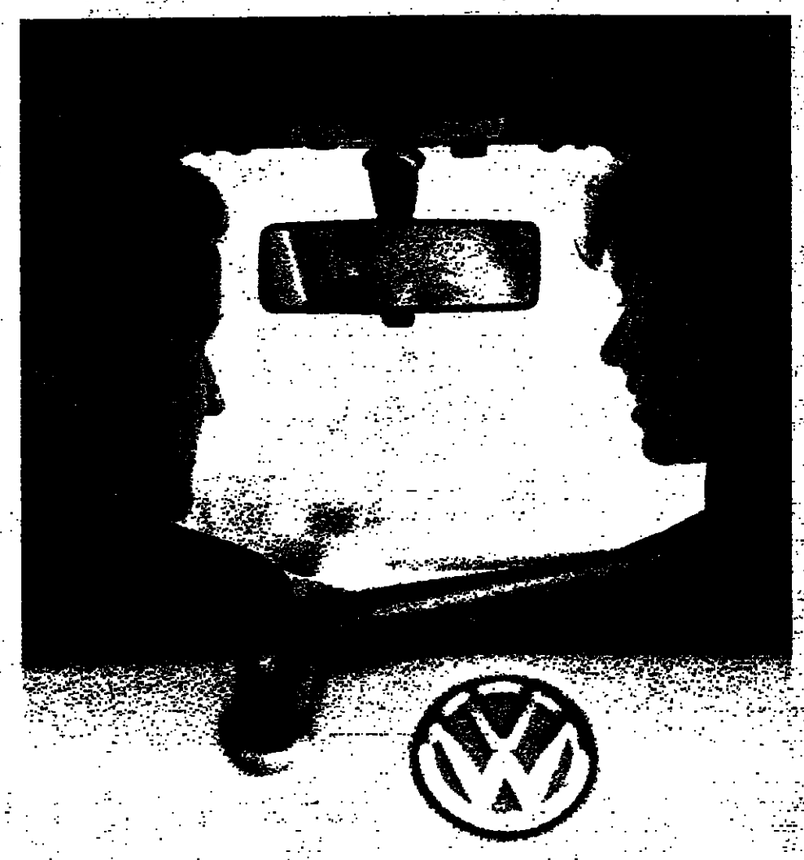
Among incidents reported to the union were an insurance sales representative mugged while collecting money and a psychologist threatened by a former patient. Judith Church, the union's health and safety officer, urged employers to take more action to prevent such incidents.

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'Valuable, perhaps literally vital, time has been lost'



TONY WHITE

Legal victory: Carmen and Barry Daniels outside the High Court with their son Rhys, 2, who will now receive treatment in Bristol

Judges rule closure of bone marrow unit was unlawful

BY IAN MURRAY

TWO health authorities broke the law in the way they closed the only hospital unit in the world ready to treat two-year-old Rhys Daniels for a genetic disease, the High Court ruled yesterday.

The unlawful failure to carry out proper consultations had wasted crucial months in starting life-saving treatment, two High Court judges said. The test-case judgment will serve as a warning that correct procedures must be followed for all the changes in the health service which are underway.

Strongly criticising the way in which the world-famous bone marrow transplant unit at the Westminster Children's Hospital had been allowed "to fade away", the judges said that this had been a tragedy for Rhys, who was diagnosed as suffering from Batten's disease over a year ago.

Unless three months of bone marrow treatment are completed before he is three, doctors have warned he will quickly start to suffer from dementia and blindness and will die by the time he is seven. His sister Charly, 5, suffers from the disease and is already showing severe symptoms. "Valuable, perhaps literally vital, time has been lost," Lord Justice Kennedy, sitting with Mr Justice Macpherson, said.

Had the Riverside Health Authority and North West Thames Health Authority complied with their statutory obligation to consult instead of allowing the decision to drift, the unit would have remained viable.

Even Professor John Hobbs, the head of the unit, had been kept in the dark about what was happening, the judges said. Instead of fulfilling its duty to consult the local community health council, the authority had created uncertainty which caused vital staff to leave. Thus it was impossible to start treating Rhys after a suitable donor was found in February.

Far too late in the process a consultation document was prepared but even this was never completed, the judges said. When it was decided that it was not possible to transfer the unit as originally planned to the new Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, negotiations to move it to Great Ormond Street or Guys hospitals began "but nothing emerged from the ashes". Patrick Milmo QC, appearing for Rhys, had told the court that the unit had disappeared "without human intervention and control, much like an act of God".

The authority had broken the law in the way the unit was closed, the judges decided, but there was no point in issuing a declaration saying so. They also decided against making a declaration saying Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, had broken the law since she had properly delegated the task of consultation to the authority.

The judges said the boy was now to be treated at the Bristol Royal Hospital for Sick Children.

Barry Daniels, Rhys's father, said afterwards he was "thrilled" by the judges' comments. "It has made it clear what a shambles it all was and made sure that it will never happen again."

Jonathan Street, spokesman for the health authority, said the family was owed a sincere apology. "We ought to have consulted, that is clear, but we were overtaken by events. We never wanted the unit to close and we are still actively trying to find a new home for it."

Scientists criticise research council

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE Medical Research Council is managed in a rigid, bureaucratic and dictatorial fashion, according to the scientists it supports.

Central office in London is too large and operates too slowly. Research workers resent the time spent dealing with the review process imposed by the centre, and describe the organisation as "introspective, secretive, paternalistic, bureaucratic, compartmentalised, lacking in team spirit, perfectionist, slow and amateur in approach to managing".

The criticisms, published in this week's *British Medical Journal*, come only two weeks after the government's white paper on science extolled the MRC as a model of how a research council should be run. Roy Gillett, a senior scientific officer at the MRC's Dental Research Unit, and Jenny Harrow of the Management School at South Bank University, make their criticisms after carrying out what they say is the largest study ever of the MRC's management methods.

The units have been described by the MRC as "the jewels in our crown", but the unit directors appear thoroughly dissatisfied with the way they are managed from the centre.

In an editorial, Richard Smith, *BMJ*'s editor, suggests the MRC should become simply a purchaser of research, leaving management to the individuals and units supported. This model was suggested to William Waldegrave, science minister, by the Advisory Council on Science and Technology, but he turned it down.

Sir Dai Rees, MRC secretary, last night described the report as "highly misleading and sometimes inaccurate". The unit where Mr Gillett works was to be closed shortly because its work did not match up to competitive standards. "I can well understand that those whose work has been criticised by peer review feel the need to complain about the process," he said.

Waldegrave: turned down model for MRC

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Man faked drowning to claim £200,000

A RETIRED businessman faked his own death in an attempt to set himself up with a £200,000 fortune, a court was told.

Peter Cusworth, 66, a former hotelier and stress management consultant who lost money in the property crash, had deliberately ditched his dinghy off the Suffolk coast during a fishing trip in bad weather, Brian Altman, for the prosecution, told Ipswich Crown Court yesterday.

He was presumed drowned after the empty dinghy was washed up on a beach and a major air-sea search failed to find any trace of him. But Cusworth was alive and well when his wife Valerie, 65, attempted to cash in his life insurance policies. He was living in a mobile home on a farm near King's Lynn, Norfolk, while his "widow" moved into her mother's seaside flat at Felixstowe, Suffolk.

No money was paid out by suspicious insurance companies, but Mr Altman said that if the fraud had paid off, Cusworth and his wife planned to "do an Asil Nadir" and disappear to a sunshine villa in Cyprus.

The pensioners' plot was uncovered when a policeman spotted Mrs Cusworth in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, and recognised the man she met there as her "missing" husband.

The pair admitted two charges each of dishonestly attempting to obtain £100,000 from Royal Insurance and £100,000 from Norwich Union. Cusworth was remanded in custody for reports and his wife released on bail.

Nurse was sacked over mouse in sandwich

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A NURSE was sacked from her job in a nursing home after being accused of putting a dead mouse in her boss's sandwich, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Deborah Wale, 19, denied the charge and told the hearing that she had suffered persistent sexual harassment by Pankaj Popat, owner of the Birchy Hill home, in Lymington, Hampshire.

Miss Wale, of New Milton, Hampshire, said: "At first he was just being friendly and I didn't think anything of it. Then he would ask me if I wanted to go to casinos and nightclubs in London with him for the weekend."

Last September, she said, he had come up behind her and placed his hands on her breasts. On other occasions he had patted and squeezed her bottom.

In December, she had already handed in her letter of resignation when she found a dead mouse in the loft of the nursing home while she and colleagues were getting out Christmas decorations.

She put it on a trolley to be disposed of, but was told later that Mr Popat had found a dead mouse in his sandwich. The next day the matron told her that her services were no longer required.

"It was about the mouse incident," Miss Wale told the tribunal. "I told her that I thought it was very funny, but that I had not done it."

Mr Popat, of Harrow, northwest London, denies the allegations.

The hearing continues.

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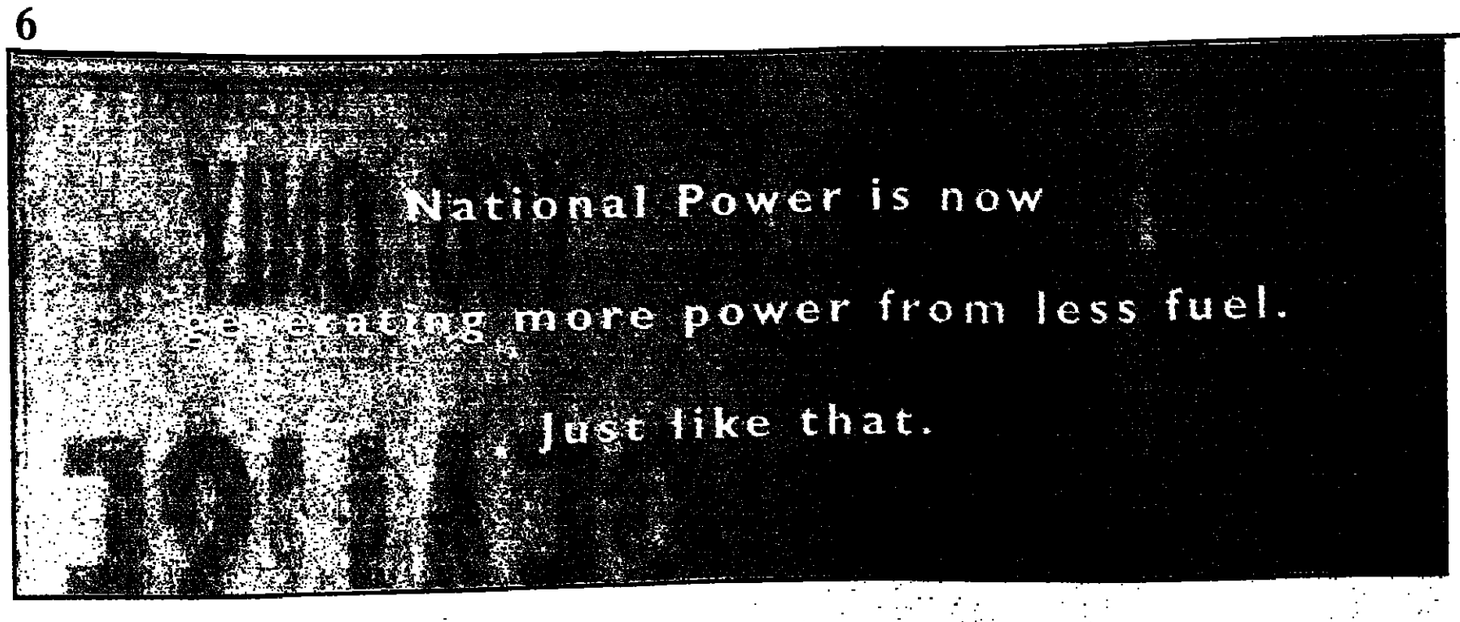
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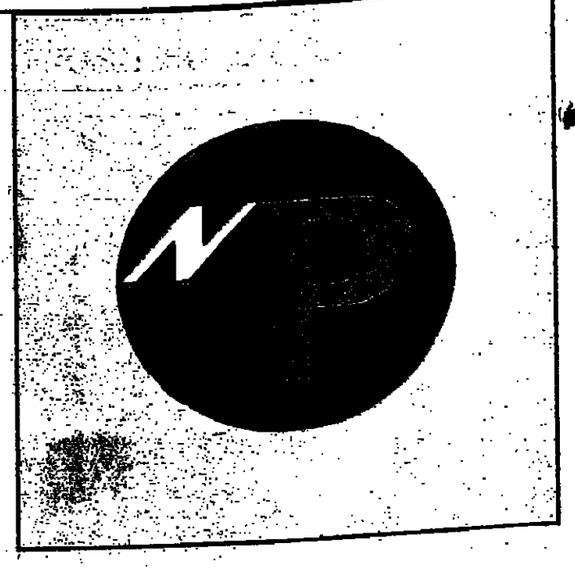
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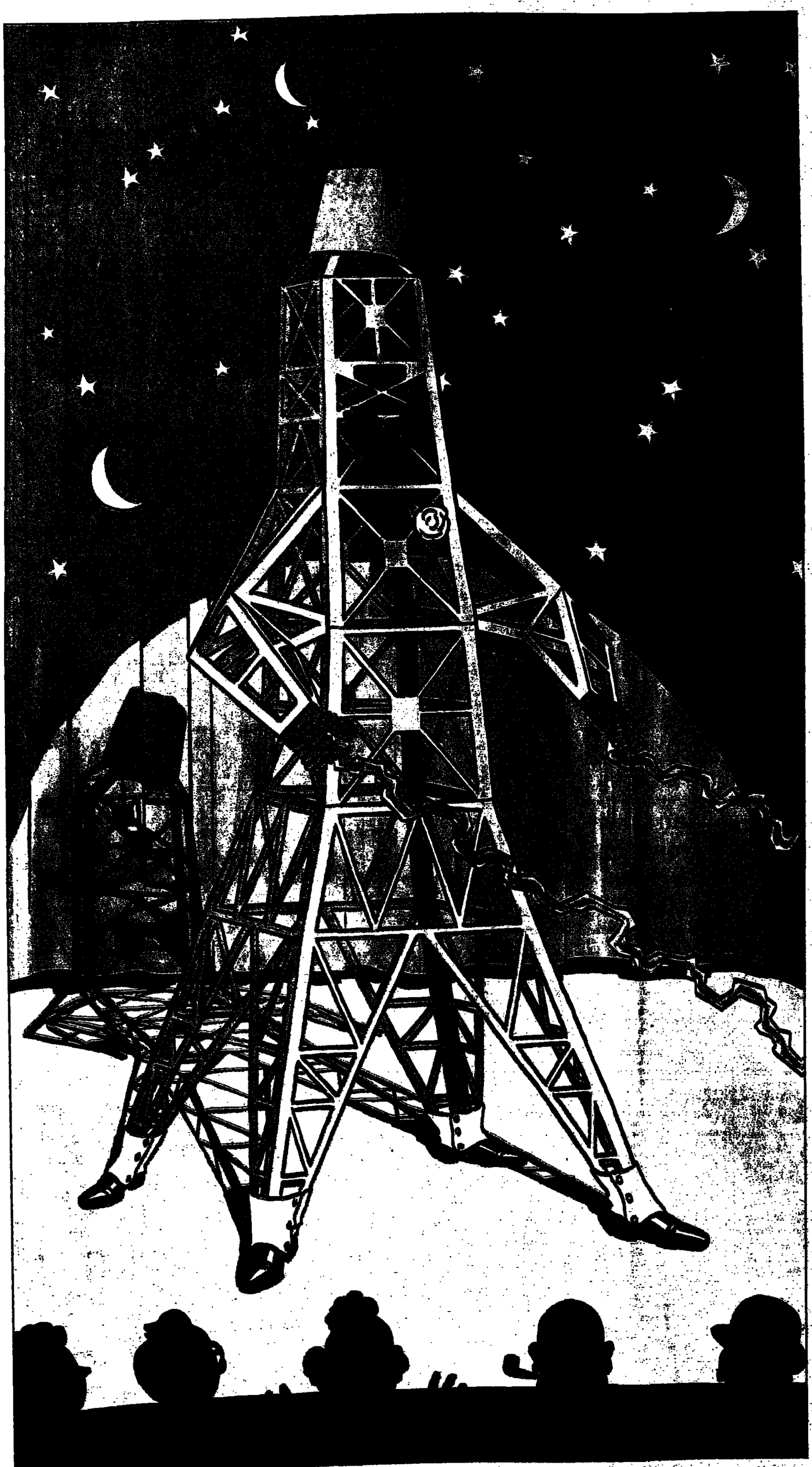
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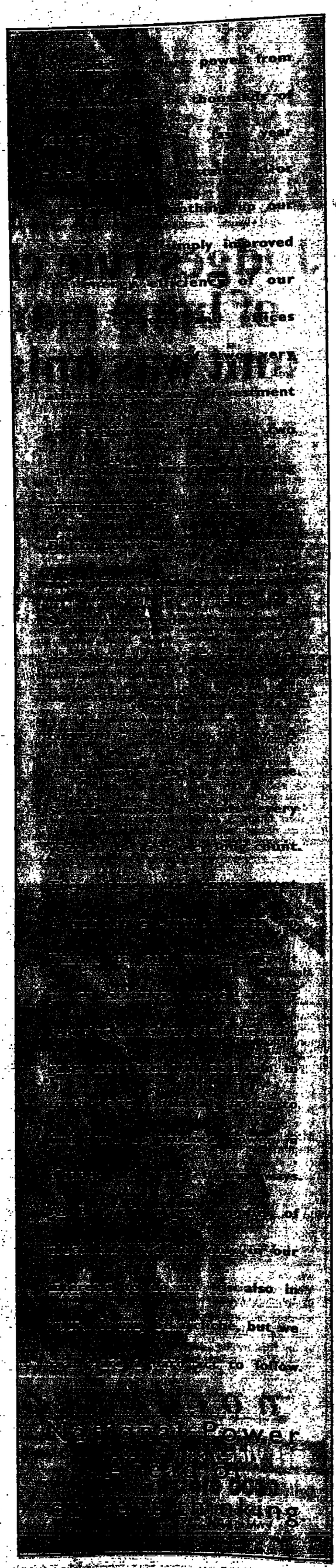
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Gay murders: speculation could cause strangler to strike again

Police urge caller to surrender

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

THE police chief hunting the serial killer stalking homosexuals in London yesterday appealed to the man who provided information about the murders to give himself up.

As police gave a warning that speculation about the killer's motive and state of mind could "spark him off" to strike again, Det Ch Supt Ken John urged the man to telephone him. He said: "Speak to me. I am willing to speak to you. I need to speak to you. This is something we can talk about. Enough is enough. Enough pain, enough anxiety, enough tragedy. Give yourself up — whatever terms, whatever you dictate, whatever time, to me or my colleagues."

He was speaking after disclosing that a fifth gay man, Emanuel Spiteri, 42, who was found murdered in his home at Catford, south London, had been strangled like the other victims. Mr Spiteri, a clerical assistant at Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, was found dead on Tuesday after attempts had been made to set fire to his home. He was not HIV positive. Mr Spiteri, a homosexual, used bars in the Earls Court area of London and other pubs near his home. He was last seen alive on Saturday afternoon in the garden of the flat he was buying.

A man had called the police with details about all the killings, but Mr John said yesterday: "The contact and dialogue that we were developing has now been exposed [in the media]. It has ceased."

Scotland Yard was reluctant to reveal details of the caller's voice or mannerisms for fear of copy-cat callers, but Mr John said he would know when the correct man called.

Mr John said news reports that the caller had been "baiting and mocking" the police in the calls was not true. They had been factual but might be "a cry for help". He referred to speculation in the press about the killer's motive: "The person may be disenchanted with the way he has been portrayed. That again can spark reaction."

A representative of Gay London Policing Group sat beside Mr John at yesterday's press conference. Mr John said he wanted to protect the gay community and did not want the killer "sparked up" to go on. The police had developed a rapport with the gay community and officers would not be going undercover as part of the investigations, he added.

He urged the media to take a responsible attitude towards a very sensitive investigation into five murders. "We are dealing with a man who might need help. We are prepared to offer it to him. I need to talk to him," he said. Mr John gave details of the calls made after the murders. The first came after the killing on March 10 of Peter Walker, a theatre director, whose body was found at his flat in Battersea, south London. The calls were made to *The Sun* newspaper "and other agencies".

The same man made calls after the death of librarian Christopher Dunn, 37, who was found asphyxiated in his Wealdstone, north London, home on May 30. He called again after the murder of the third man, American Perry Bradley, 35, in Kensington, west London, on June 4, and after the murder of victim number four, Andrew Collier, 33, a caretaker in Hackney, northeast London, on June 9.

Mr John said: "They [the calls] were talking about murders which had been committed. The Walker murder was repeated, the Dunn murder was repeated, the Bradley murder was repeated and the Collier murder was repeated."

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DENZIL McFERLANCE

Anxious wait: Det Ch Supt Ken John wants to hear from a man who provided information on previous killings

Playing a dangerous game

By Alice Thomson

THE hunt for the serial killer of gays will take undercover detectives into the world of sado-masochism and bondage which attracts homosexuals and heterosexuals.

Sado-masochism is a dangerous game. Det Chief Supt John Shoemake of the Metropolitan police, now retired, tracked down Michael Lupo, a homosexual prostitute who seven years ago strangled four men during sex. Mr Shoemake said the world of sado-masochism (SM) he stumbled into during the Lupo enquiry was "shocking, unbelievable and beggared belief".

Tony Mitchell, who has been researching the gay SM world, says that because many gays pick up unknown partners they run an additional risk. "Traditionally, homosexuals have had their own scenes with [sado-masochist] clubs, so it is easy to find them and you can see why killers tend to go for gay SM men. Very few women would let an unknown man take them back to their house, tie them up and flog them."

Grace Lau, who has photographed the heterosexual SM scene for ten years, said: "Most people start by going to SM clubs and parties which are quite young and posey. People wear rubber, latex and waspy corsets. They find the advertisements in magazines and think it will be a laugh. There are people walking around in bondage gear but mostly its just very fashion conscious."

Some SM enthusiasts then begin to visit roving events where the venues are announced only on the night and people openly flog each other. Others, according to Miss Lau, go to underground private parties. "There are even hotels with dungeons. People act out their fantasies but it is always controlled and very theatrical."

The SM scene has expanded rapidly in recent years according to Michelle Olley, of *Skin Two*, a fetishist magazine that specialises in SM. The magazine has a circulation of 35,000 and a shop.

Yard concerned at effects of publicity

SCOTLAND Yard has received calls from different parts of the country, and as far away as South Africa, about gay people who believe they may have been victims of the serial killer terrorising London's homosexual community (Richard Ford writes).

Det Chief Supt Ken John, who is co-ordinating the five murder enquiries, said at a press conference yesterday: "There are 24 reports from other gay people who may have been the victim of similar attacks. All these reports will be fully investigated".

The Yard, while needing the media's assistance in the case, can scarcely conceal its exasperation at the number of calls it is receiving about other attacks. Police are also concerned at the tone in which the killings have been reported in the media.

Detectives had to go public to warn the gay community in London but the result, as they suspected, was an end to the telephone dialogue they had been building up with the mystery man giving details of the killings.

They also knew that a serial killer stalking London's gay community would provoke widespread news coverage in terms that might trigger him to commit more murders.

Yesterday, Mr John was anxious to stop speculation about the state of mind of the man and warned that he might be disenchanted at the way he was being portrayed.

The Times World Chess Championship

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

TODAY I continue my articles which pay homage to chess in the capital. The London Tournament of 1899 was a superb close to the century for London chess enthusiasts. Every grandmaster and champion of any note was there, apart from the German Dr Siegbert Tarrasch, whose personal antipathy to the reigning champion Dr. Lasker was well known. Lasker's triumph was complete, though he did drop one brilliant game to the British representative Joseph Blackburne, a case of a British David slaying a foreign Goliath.

Everybody played everybody else twice in the tournament. In the table below, 1 = win, ½ = draw and 0 = loss

Teichmann withdrew after having played four games, against Tchigorin, Pillsbury, Blackburne and Tinsley.

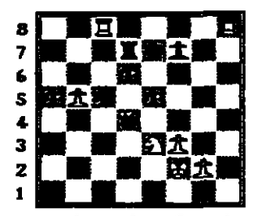
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Black: Joseph Blackburne
London 1899

Ruy Lopez

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36	exf5	Qd2
37	Rexd1	Qxc2
38	Rbc1	Qxf5
39	Nb6	Rd8
40	Nc4	Nb7
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42	Kf2	Qxa4
43	Rc7	Nc5
44	Rh1	Rd7
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White resigns

Diagram of final position



London 1899

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3 G Maroczy	½	0	*	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18
4 H Pillsbury	½	0	½	*	½	1	1	1	½	1	1	1	½	1	½	18
5 C Schlechter	½	0	½	½	*	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	17
6 M Blackburne	1	0	½	½	½	*	½	0	1	1	½	1	1	1	½	15½
7 M Tchigorin	0	0	0	0	0	½	*	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	15
8 J Showalter	0	0	½	½	½	0	0	*	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	12½
9 J Mason	0	½	0	0	½	½	0	0	*	1	1	1	1	½	1	12
10 W Cohn	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	½	1	½	1	1	11½
11 W Steinitz	½	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	½	*	½	1	1	1	11½
12 F Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	*	½	½	1	9½
13 H Bird	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	½	0	½	*	1	1	7
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Championship Update

The Savoy Hotel and Simpsons-in-the-Strand are both providing prestigious hospitality packages to The Times World Chess Championship match between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short. For information call Simpsons on 071 836 9112. On the spot bond-holders will experience the thrill of being at a live TV event. During the match the Savoy Theatre will be transformed into a giant television studio for the 60-hours of Channel 4 TV coverage.

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Environmentalists criticise £300m Welsh motorway

By Tim Jones, Transport Correspondent

PLANS for a £300 million motorway in South Wales to serve the new Severn bridge were yesterday welcomed by industrialists as a boost for the local economy, but were condemned by environmentalists.

The 14-mile motorway, to be called the M48, will run from the village of Rogiet, Gwent, and cross the River Usk before joining the M4 at Castleton, east of Cardiff.

Sir Wyn Roberts, minister of state at the Welsh Office, said the road, which is unlikely to be built until the turn of the century, would relieve traffic congestion in southeast Wales and attract more investment to the area.

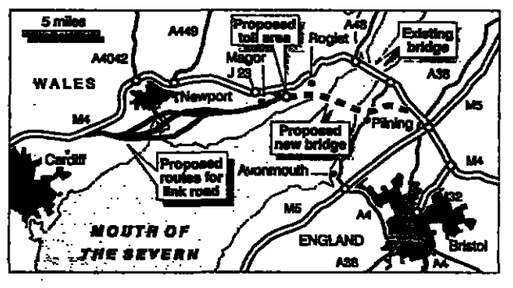
He said: "The M4, currently used by up to 85,000 vehicles a day, is our economic lifeline and we can safeguard and develop that with this project. There may be an environmental cost, but we shall do everything possible to minimise these."

Conservationists say that the three routes proposed for the road will cause irreparable damage to ancient, low level wetlands which are designated sites of special scientific interest.

Ian Kelsall, Wales director of the CBI, said the new motorway would generate prosperity and was vital to help manufacturers.

There will be months of consultation and planning battles before the final route is chosen. The second Severn crossing is expected to open, as planned, in the spring of 1996.

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New EC safety rules may ban substandard foreign ships

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of substandard foreign-flagged ships face being banned from European Community waters under proposals being discussed by transport ministers.

The moves follow concern about the danger posed by such vessels using some of the world's busiest and most complex sea lanes. Without tough new controls, ministers fear it is only a matter of time before another disaster involving a passenger ferry or a heavily-laden oil or chemical tanker occurs.

They have been horrified by reports of the standard of some of the vessels that regularly visit European ports and are determined to force them to comply with international rules or become the pariahs of the high seas.

Recently, *The Times* disclosed confidential reports submitted by ships' masters that outlined details of what they described as appalling acts of seamanship.On some Third World ships, language difficulties prevent proper communication between officers and crew, who are sometimes so poorly trained they do not even know how to tie knots.

The ministers hope to push through a common set of rules that would allow for more thorough port inspections leading to the detention and banning of ships that refuse to comply with international minimum standards.

In a proposal that could strain the *entente cordiale*, they are determined to impose minimum training levels for key personnel, including the requirement for a common language, probably English, on board EC-flagged vessels.

Ferries and other passenger ships would be forced to carry a minimum number of trained lifeboatmen while vessels bound for or leaving Community ports would be forced to comply with a much fuller reporting system.

The rules would also impose new standards of maritime navigation and strengthen vessel traffic systems, which are vital for safe navigation in the English Channel and other heavily-used sea routes.

The need for new systems was demonstrated earlier this month after the collision off Ostend, Belgium, between *British Trent*, a BP tanker, and the Panama-registered bulk carrier *Western Winner*, in which nine died.

Referring to the problems of trying to identify and warn an approaching vessel in thick fog, one source said: "The problem is that if there is a blip on the radar you don't know what the name of the ship is. How can you call him?"

Sir Ian McGeoch, a director of Midar Systems, told *The Times* that his company's marine radar interrogator transponder system was designed to provide the unique identity of ships and navigational marks observed on radar.

He said: "But successive British governments have informed us that no requirement exists for such a system. It is possible that if it had been introduced the collision between the two ships may never have occurred."

□ The *Braer* oil tanker disaster in the Shetland Islands on January 5 this year did far less damage to the environment than had been feared (Nigel Hawkes writes).

The survival of fish, plants and birds was not threatened, even in areas close to the spill, according to the group set up by the Scottish Office to monitor the effects.

Describing these findings as most encouraging, Professor William Ritchie of Aberdeen University, chairman of the group, said that longer-term monitoring was needed before the full effects of the spill could be determined.

The group expects to produce a final report on its work early next year, which will include advice to government on steps that might be taken to improve the environmental response to future oil spills.



BRYN COLTON

Modern times: pressures on the Broads from increased boating, noxious algae, soil erosion and disappearing fish are changing the face of the famous wetlands

Dispute threatens plan to save Norfolk Broads

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

■ Britain's most famous wetland is under threat from noxious algae, saltwater flooding and in-fighting among interest groups

A DISPUTE over how to protect the Norfolk Broads against saltwater flooding is threatening to undermine an ambitious plan to restore the once-rich plant and fish life of the famous wetland.

The unique mosaic of rivers, lakes, fens and marshes, created 700 years ago when rising sea levels inundated medieval peat-diggings, are smothered each summer by a thick green carpet of toxic algae that shuts out the light and extinguishes other plant life.

Jane Madgwick, chief conservation officer for the Broads Authority in Norwich, said: "Only one of the 46 broads could be said to be still in pristine condition. Six others have a reasonable variety of aquatic plants, but elsewhere the algae have taken over."

The algae thrive on a nutrient-rich cocktail composed of nitrate run-off from farmland, caused by the draining and ploughing up of grazing marsh for crops, and phosphorous from some 200 sewage works. Of the 20 biggest sewage plants, only seven so far have facilities for stripping out phosphorous at source.

At first all vegetation was stimulated, but over the past three decades the microscopic algae have become dominant, turning the clear, peaty water of the broads into a murky pea soup. As the algae die they drop to the bottom, silting up lakes and waterways with a soft, pollutant-oozing mud.

The algae have not only reduced the number of fish, such as pike and bream, but speeded up the erosion of the banks of both rivers and broads by destroying the waterlily beds, reeds and other water plants that absorb the waves generated by motor boats.

In its draft plan for the future management of the broads, released for consultation today, the authority proposes a complex conservation strategy based on "biomanipulation". This would supplement more conventional means of combatting the algae, which include suction-dredging of polluted sediment and controls on the emission of nitrates and phosphorous.

Scientists want to enlist the aid of microscopic water fleas that have a voracious appetite for algae. "For a short period in the early summer, when they are at the peak of their population, the fleas can filter the entire volume of water in the broads in a matter of days," Ms Madgwick said.

The main problem is that fish prey on the fleas and the loss of aquatic plants means there are fewer places for the fleas to shelter from the fish. One solution, being tested at Hoveton Great Broad, involves damming off part of the lake and temporarily removing all the fish, which are stunned with an electric current and then netted. This allows the algae-eating water fleas to multiply unchecked.

Over the past year the water behind the dam has cleared. Re-seeded waterlilies, water soldiers, hornwort, Canadian pondweed and other aquatic plants are flourishing beneath the shelter of wood and wire-mesh cages that keep out waterfowl that would otherwise eat the plants before they become established.

Conservationists believe the broads could be restored in this way in a programme extending over decades. But such a scheme could work only if the delicate balance of fresh, brackish and salt water in the broads is maintained. This is threatened by rising sea levels, caused by the sinking of the southeastern landmass and long-term climatic change.

Many rivers are higher than the surrounding grazing marshes. Everyone agrees river banks need to be reinforced to prevent them being breached. There is also agreement that a barrier of some kind is needed to control tidal surges. The Broads Authority wants one on the River Bure, coupled with a 2,000 acre "washland", an area of grazing marsh that would be allowed to flood to absorb excess water.

This option is backed by all the main conservation agencies but opposed by farming and landowning interests on the local flood defence committee who want a barrier on the Yare above Great Yarmouth. Conservationists say such a barrier would be much more disruptive of the natural eco-system.



Timeless beauty: the Broads in 1885, seen through the lens of P.H. Emerson

Ancient sites protected from army's tanks

TWELVE archaeological sites and areas of ancient landscape on Salisbury Plain have been designated protected zones to prevent further damage during army training (Norman Hammond writes).

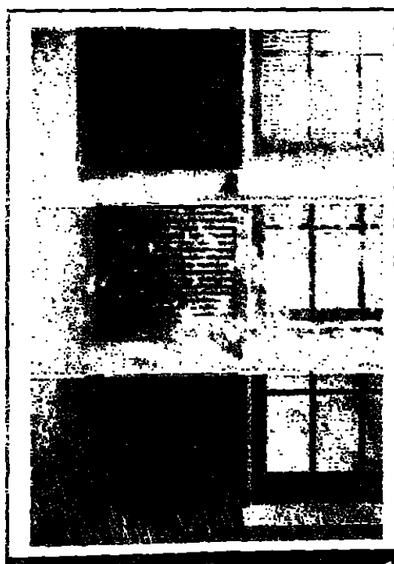
The sites, covering 23,000 acres, will be marked by signs, and especially fragile and important remains will be fenced off and kept free from military traffic as far as possible.

The move, announced yesterday by Lord Cranborne, parliamentary under-secretary at the defence ministry, embodies the 1986 report of a working party set up after several important sites in the Salisbury Plain Training Area had been damaged by Army exercises.

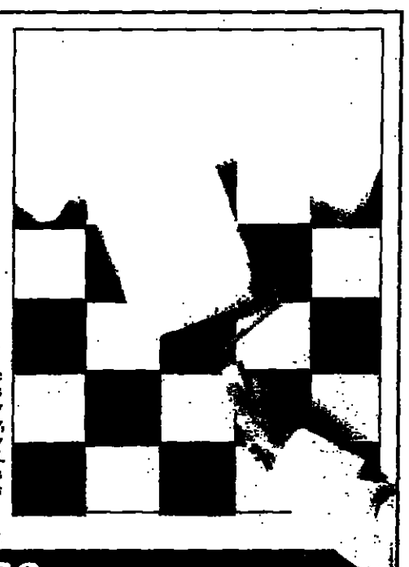
Among the monuments to be protected are 27 neolithic long barrows, the earliest collective tombs in Britain and the most striking remains of the first farming communities established from 4000 BC. About 550 bronze age round barrows, dating back to around 2000-1600 BC, have also been recorded in the area and are generally well preserved in spite of occasional damage from trenches and tanks.

Among the most striking sites are the great iron age hill forts of Battlesbury and Scratchbury, and the Chapperton Down Romano-British settlement.

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Welles's version of Kafka on TV clashes with playwright's film premiere

Pinter irate as BBC upstages his Trial

By Alison Roberts, Arts Reporter

IN A bureaucratic muddle worthy of Franz Kafka himself, the BBC has enraged Harold Pinter by undermining the release of the playwright's film adaptation of *The Trial*.

The BBC has unwittingly scheduled a screening of the classic Orson Welles version of *The Trial* to coincide with the cinema release of Pinter's adaptation, which is partly funded by the corporation.

While one BBC department booked the London cinema for tonight's premiere of the new film, another planned to show Welles's film version tomorrow night. The two departments did not talk to each other.

Pinter, said to be furious at the scheduling, has always hated the idea of comparison between his screenplay and that used by Welles, which the coincidental screenings will make inevitable.

The BBC has contributed almost £1 million towards the film's £4 million budget, banking on the star-studded cast, which includes Sir Anthony Hopkins, Juliet Stevenson and American actor Kyle MacLachlan, to make the film a success.

Those associated with the new film are worried that viewers will watch the 1962 Welles version at home and baulk at the idea of another two hours of Kafka in the cinema. They are amazed at the BBC's handling of the new film, pointing out that box-office success is important if the corporation is to get a return on its part-funding.

David Jones, the director, called the planning "lousy and incompetent, not without its farcical element". He added: "I think it is an extraordinary example of the left hand not knowing what the right hand is doing inside the BBC."

Although Mr Jones is a fan of the Welles version, and worked with the great director on a 45-minute documentary about the making of *The Trial*, he insisted that the new film was not a re-make and that comparisons were "not wildly helpful".

Behind the scenes, lobbying has failed to get the Welles film taken off the schedule.

Charles Denton, head of the Drama Group at the BBC, called the scheduling an "improbable and unwelcome coincidence".

He said: "The BBC does not wish to upset any film-makers. We would have preferred this not to happen, but we are certainly not going to change the television transmission. I don't think that viewers who have seen the Orson Welles movie will necessarily not want to see the new one."

"Pinter has long wanted to adapt Kafka's famous tale of bureaucratic entrapment. His stark version emphasises the historical context of Kafka's writing, as opposed to Welles's expressionistic treatment of it as a parable.

FIONA HANSON



Not amused: Harold Pinter hates comparison with Orson Welles's *The Trial*

Children's viewing 'must be ad-free'

By Tony Dawe

A PROPOSAL to make children's television an "ad-free zone" is raised in a report published today which claims that children's health is suffering because of the sugary and fatty foods they are encouraged to eat.

The report by the National Food Alliance, a research organisation, says food adverts on children's television are dominated by pre-sweetened cereals, confectionery, fast food, snacks and soft drinks.

It criticises the Independent Television Commission and the Advertising Standards Authority for failing to protect children from "this unhealthy diet" and calls on the bodies to introduce practices "more conducive to healthier eating".

Sue Dibb, its author, said: "Banning adverts during children's television is one of the options we would like all interested parties to explore further. It has been done in Canada and it has worked there. We question whether it is morally right for advertisers to target young children."

Alternative proposals in the report include restricting the advertising of sugary and fatty foods and limiting the use of well-known characters and personalities who "play on the loyalty and affection of children".

The report follows calls for tougher controls on food advertising by the British Dental Association and the National Consumer Council. Both the ITC and the Food and Drink Federation dismissed the latest criticisms and denied there was firm evidence that food advertising encouraged unhealthy eating.

However, the report, based on surveys of thousands of children, finds that children are more responsive to and influenced by advertising than adults, children as young as four are "brand conscious" and the more a product is advertised, the greater the number of requests for it.

In criticising the television and advertising regulatory bodies, the report says that present codes of practice and complaints procedures deal with specific adverts and are not designed to consider the cumulative effect of adverts.

The Food and Drink Federation said that strict guidelines already governed advertisements, especially those screened at times popular with children.

Eight-year ban for drink-drive racing duke

THE Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, who knocked off a policeman's hat following a chase at up to 95mph along icy country roads when he was almost three times over the drink-drive limit, was yesterday banned from driving for eight years.

Appearing before Haddington Sheriff Court, Lothian, for sentence, the 54-year-old duke had admitted dangerous driving, assaulting the police and his fifth drink-driving offence.

The court had heard that during the chase in December last year he crashed into a road block, drove along a pavement, roared through a town centre and hit a road sign.

As well as the driving ban, he was put on probation for 12 months and ordered to do 200 hours of community service. After the chase it was found he had a breath-alcohol level of 93 micrograms. The legal limit is 35.

Raymond Fraser, the advocate for the duke, said: "It is perhaps difficult for people who work hard and play hard not to do things to excess." Before the chase the duke had been taken to hospital with a suspected heart attack. He could not remember what happened later.

A former RAF officer, test pilot and racing driver, the duke is Hereditary Keeper of the Queen's residence at Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh. His brother is the Scottish Office minister Lord James Douglas-Hamilton.

Mr Fraser, handing over press cuttings, said the court should recognise the duke's driving skills and racing achievements. He had recently broken 54 diesel speed records at Millbrook proving centre in Bedfordshire.

Woman's sex change baffles doctors

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Services Correspondent

DOCTORS have been puzzled by the case of a 56-year-old woman who started to change into a man. Seven years after her menopause, which came early, she began to grow a beard and coarse, dark hairs appeared on her chest and arms. At the same time she began to go bald like a man.

The woman, whose case is described in the *New England Journal of Medicine* as an example of "virilisation", puzzled doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital, an international centre for hormone problems. She had never conceived but had a normal sexual relationship with her husband.

Tests showed a high level of androgens, the male hormone, in her blood, but doctors could not explain why their level was excessive. Dr Janet Hall, assistant professor of medicine at the hospital, said: "She had hair in places men often get it and was losing hair from the places that men often lose it." She also noticed changes in her genitals.

"In rare cases of women with very high levels of androgens they have an increased sex drive, their voice deepens and the size of their clitoris increases," Dr Hall said.

The woman finally underwent surgery to remove her ovaries. Her symptoms rapidly subsided and she recovered her female appearance. But apart from labelling her condition — ovarian stromal hyperthecosis and hilus-cell hyperplasia with virilisation — doctors were no wiser.

EC changes push down beef prices

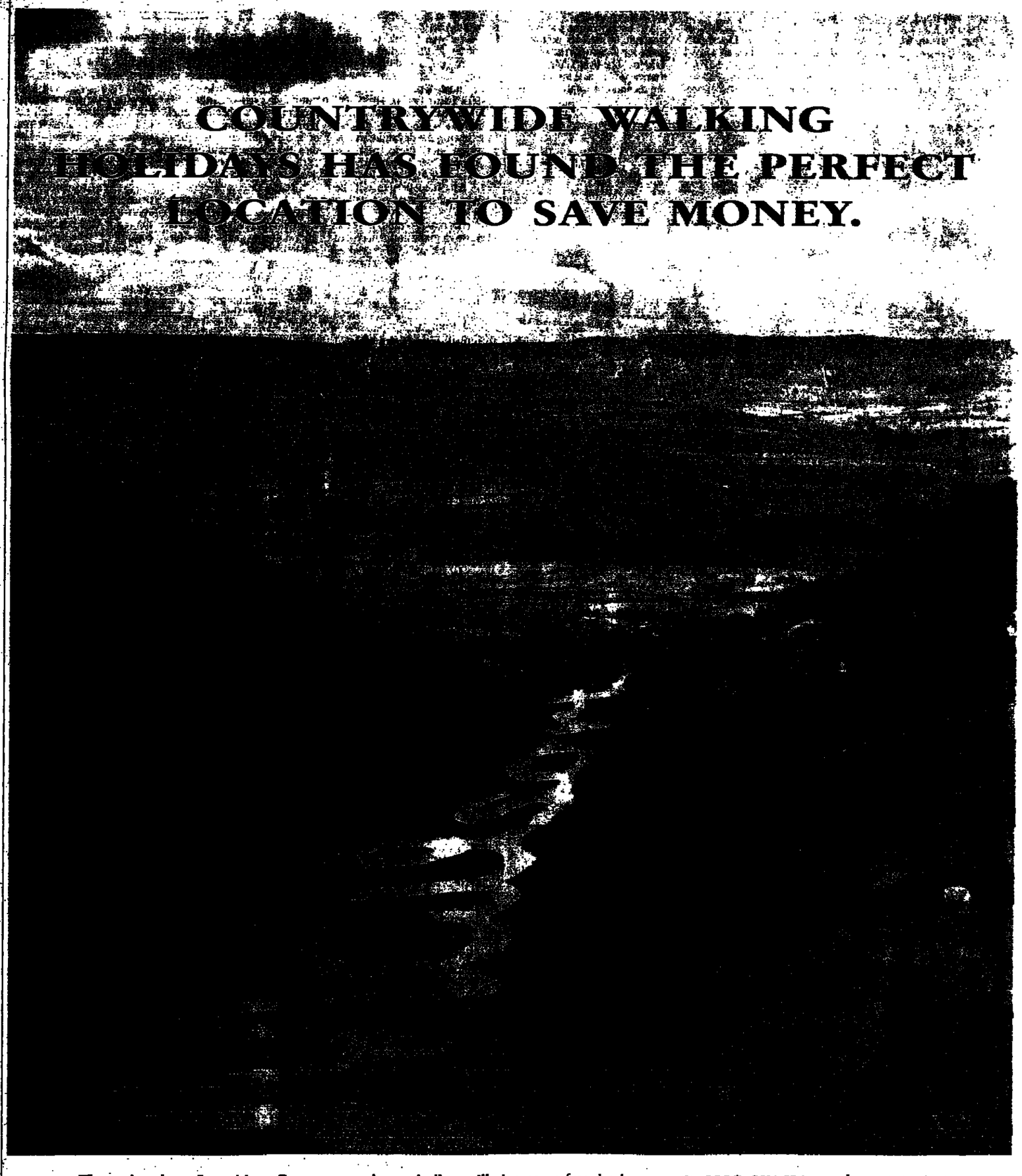
BEEF prices have started to fall rapidly as farmers come to terms with new EC regulations on payment of premiums. Gateway has slashed £1.30 a pound off the price of rump steak, now £2.68 a pound. Sirloin at Sainsbury's is £4.75 a pound and Safeway has cut forerib prices to £2.18 a pound.

In time for the barbecue season Sainsbury's has made sausages far cheaper by offering thick pork and beef bangers at just £1.49 for 1.5 kilos. This means you effectively get 50 per cent extra free. Gateway offers loose gammon for 65p a pound and Safeway has cut 13p off smoked ham, now 69p a pound.

Safeway has welcomed the summer with a new range of pre-packed salads, including baby spinach leaves at £1.25 for 225gr. Roquette, a peppery-flavoured leaf like a dandelion, is 75p for 30gr.

Advertised best buys:
Asda: rolled pork shoulder, £1.37 a lb; stuffed chicken, 86p a lb; four bacon chops, £2.24; cauliflower, 45p each; strawberries, 69p a lb.
Gateway: pork leg joints, £1.19 a lb; duckling leg portions, a lb; scampi, £1.89 for 6oz; smoked rainbow trout, £2.49 a lb.
Harrods: free-range chickens, £1.95 a lb; French corn fed chickens, £1.35 a lb; farmhouse eggs, £1.25 a dozen; iceberg lettuce, 35p each.
Safeway: smoked cooked ham, 69p a lb; farmhouse cheddar, £2.15 a lb; golden delicious apples, 34p a lb; mangoes 59p each; beef tomatoes, 69p a lb; little gem lettuce, 59p each.
Sainsbury's: pork bone in leg, 99p a lb; sirloin steak, £4.75 a lb; lamb whole leg bone in, £2.28; strawberries, £1.28 for 400gr; seedless grapes, £1.29 a lb; courgettes, 55p a lb.
Tesco: beef mince, £2.18; leg of lamb, £2.49 a lb; pork chump steaks, £2.09 a lb; minced lamb, £2.19 a lb; cheddar, £2.19 a lb; cod fillet, £2.99 a lb; smoked mackerel satay, 49p each; iceberg lettuce, 55p each; tomatoes, 49p a lb; galia melon, 99p each.
Waitrose: boneless lamb roast, £2.59 a lb; chicken breast fillets, £6.99 a lb; German sausage, £1.79 a lb; Canadian lobster, £5.95 each; rainbow trout, £2.49 a lb; new potatoes, 72p for 2½ kilos; organic tomatoes, 99p a lb.

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Dockyard workers stage last-minute plea for Trident

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NUCLEAR submarine workers have launched a last-minute lobby of ministers to dissuade the cabinet from switching support from Devonport to Rosyth for the Trident submarine refit contract.

The workers from Devonport, the larger of the two dockyards, have written to every minister concerned with the cabinet decision, which is expected to be announced within the next ten days.

Yesterday a group of the Devonport employees, all of whom once worked at the Chatham dockyard in Kent before it was closed in 1984 under a defence review, came to London to appeal for their yard to win the contract. "We lost our jobs at Chatham and we can't face the thought of losing our jobs again at Devonport," Mark Swain, project engineer at Devonport, said.

Mike Leece, managing director of DML, which runs the Devonport yard in Plymouth, criticised the Rosyth management and Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor and a local constituency MP, for suggesting that Devonport did not have comparable experience in refitting nuclear submarines.

He said Devonport had carried out six "major refits" and 32 minor refits on Swiftsure class submarines and the latest Trafalgar class boats. "Rosyth has done zero as far as these types of submarines are concerned," he said.

The campaign by both dockyards to win the Trident contract which will guarantee work for about 30 years will continue right up until the cabinet decision.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, remains convinced that whichever yard he recommends to his cabinet colleagues, there will still be sufficient refit work on surface warships and commercial vessels for Rosyth and Devonport to remain viable.

Mr Rifkind anticipates that, after the row has died down, following the announcement about the winner of the Trident deal, the losing yard will soon be able to come to terms with the decision and make the necessary plans to survive. The government will guarantee surface ship work by allocating vessels to the losing yard.

In spite of criticism, repeated yesterday by Devonport dockyard workers and David Jamieson, the Labour MP for Plymouth Devonport, that the government has been "dithering" over the decision, Mr Rifkind is satisfied that the delay has led to a significant reduction in the cost of the contract.

The original bid from Rosyth amounted to about £500 million, taking in the cost of a new purpose-built facility. Now both bids from Rosyth and Devonport, involving the redevelopment of existing facilities, are believed to be under £150 million.

In spite of Mr Rifkind's conviction that neither yard would be forced to close, Mr Leece said yesterday that Devonport would "ultimately" have to shut down if it failed to win the Trident contract. The management at Rosyth has also warned of closure.

Alan Hunt, marine technical manager at Devonport dockyard, who joined about 40 former Chatham docks employees in yesterday's lobbying visit to London, said: "When we left Chatham we were promised a job for life at Devonport. We were told that Devonport would be refitting nuclear submarines well into the 21st century."

Mr Leece claimed it made strategic as well as economic sense for Devonport to handle Trident. The first Trident submarine will be due for a refit in the second part of this decade.

Welfare state blunts Clarke's knife



The cabinet yesterday played its allotted part in the annual public spending ritual. This is the hair shirt/austerity phase. Words such as "tough", "demanding" and "tight" were used to describe the agreed targets.

That all sounds fine, but how stringent are the ceilings agreed yesterday? There is always sleight of hand when the remit for the spending review is agreed in the summer. "Tough" targets turn out to be more permissive, as happened last year. Despite all the ballyhoo, spending totals were raised. Lower than expected inflation has meant a near 3 per cent increase in 1993-4 in real terms in the new control total. This excludes the cyclical element in social security (unemployment benefit and related income support) and debt interest. While some departments have faced a squeeze, there have been no overall cuts in spending in real terms.

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Next year should be much tighter if the ceilings stick. When published last year they allowed for real growth of under 1 per cent in both 1994-5 and 1995-6. However, an increase in expected inflation to 4 per cent a year following the devaluation has wiped out these real increases. Over the two years as a whole, spending is likely to be flat. Real growth will be held to less than 1 per cent in 1996-7.

The reality could be even more demanding. There are inexorable upward pressures from the commitment to raise health spending in real terms, from the non-cyclical element in social security spending (especially more pensioners) and from the sharp rise in student numbers. To accommodate these increases within an unchanged total in real terms naturally requires cuts elsewhere.

There are no volunteers in Whitehall. Manifesto commitments exist on inflation-proofing child benefit and retirement pensions. The type of less painful cuts in subsidies that were found in the early 1980s are no longer available. Defence spending is already due to decline in real terms. And Kenneth Clarke has rejected "hotel" charges for hospital patients and charging pensioners for prescriptions.

In reality, unless some existing functions are significantly reduced, there is little scope for holding down spending in real terms. If we want a welfare state, it has to be financed. Alternatively, the state's role can be reduced, as is now being considered by the long-term reviews under Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary. But, apart from cuts in invalidity benefits, the government is not in a strong enough political position to achieve many short-term savings.

That is what makes yesterday's complaints by the Tory right so hollow. The prize for crassness goes to John Townend, chairman of the Tory backbench finance committee, who said he was "staggered" that the cabinet had agreed to the original ceiling. He is the epitome of the party's rotarian tendency, which always urges cuts in total spending without identifying specific savings apart from waste or the number of civil servants (already the lowest since the second world war). If the right wants to be taken seriously, it needs to come up with detailed cuts which are both practicable and can be got through the Commons.

Tax increases were not mentioned yesterday. These will not be decided until Mr Clarke sees how far spending can be held down and what the outlook is for borrowing in the autumn. It is going to be a tense October and November. Mr Clarke is already raising eyebrows in the Treasury for his frankness in ruling out possible spending cuts. He may come to regret the scrapping of Budget purdah which has given his predecessors some protection when taking decisions.

PETER RIDDELL

MPs attack tax aid plan for Lloyd's names

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

LABOUR MPs yesterday attacked the government's £5 million tax concessions to Lloyd's names, announced by Norman Lamont in the Budget. The assault was led by Alistair Darling, the Opposition's City spokesman, who told members of the standing committee examining the finance bill that the proposals were "deeply resented and opposed".

The government proposal which brings the tax treatment of Lloyd's in line with continental insurers, allows Lloyd names to put aside up to 50 per cent of their profits free of tax in a special fund to build up reserves for big underwriting losses. Mr Darling criticised the concession as "the creation of a tax vehicle" that was not available to other taxpayers. Names could withdraw the tax-free funds at their convenience for reasons other than meeting losses, he said.

In response to Tory objections that the proposed scheme was a legitimate way of encouraging names to build up reserves, Mr Darling said: "One name's special reserve fund is another name's tax shelter." Lloyd's names should not be given more favourable treatment than any other people taking risks in any other section of British industry, he said.

Labour has tabled an amendment proposing that the reserves shoud be subject to tax after three years if they have not been paid out to meet losses. Lloyd's was anticipating large profits in future years and had already taken action to sort out its current difficulties, Mr Darling said.

He pointed out that most Lloyd's names were wealthy individuals who would not be allowed to go bankrupt because of the existence of the hardship fund or other wealthy benefactors. "Most taxpayers do not have a hardship fund," he said. The government could not allow MPs who are names to go bankrupt, he added, because of the dangerous political consequences. As far as the government was concerned "bailing out Tory MPs is a price worth paying", he said. More than 40 Conservative MPs, some of whom are believed to be facing severe financial difficulties, are members of Lloyd's.

Geoff Hoon, Labour MP for Ashfield, said the government should extend its proposals to the less advantaged, such as pensioners. A "comparable and analogous measure" allowing workers to put aside large chunks of their income for tax-free withdrawal after retirement, would prove "extremely popular".

Major defends National Insurance rise

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

MOST taxpayers will be better off as a result of lower income tax even after the 1 per cent rise in National Insurance contributions, the prime minister insisted in the Commons yesterday.

In exchanges with John Smith, the Labour leader, at prime minister's question time, Mr Major said that under the government's budget proposals taxpayers were better off "than they would have been under your plans".

Mr Smith said the Department of Social Security last week had claimed 500,000 people on low incomes would be hit by the NI increase in the Budget, "but yesterday were forced to admit that was wrong, and the real figure was 2.25 million people". Mr Major told him: "I think you are operating under a misapprehension. Suggestions of a mistake are wrong." The government had issued figures on June 7 which related to those whose earnings fall below the 20 per cent tax band, he said. On June 16, the government had given figures relating to people whose earnings were below the 25 per cent tax band. "So naturally the figures are different," he said, to jubilant Tory cheers.

Earlier, Kenneth Clarke, in his first appearance at Treasury questions as Chancellor of the Exchequer, had also attacked the Labour leader. Mr Clarke said proposals referred to by Mr Smith in his speech in the economy debate last week would have added £12 billion to the PSBR.

Yesterday morning's cabinet meeting had confirmed the "high priority" given by the government to reducing the public sector deficit, he said. He added that it was time for the government to demonstrate the same success in cutting the PSBR as it had in reducing inflation.

Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, accused Labour members of spreading "real anxiety and fear" when MPs questioned Treasury ministers on possible cuts in invalidity benefits. Mr Portillo said no decisions had yet been taken on the benefit, which costs the Treasury £6.2 billion a year.

Schools' opt-out loophole closed

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

SCHOOLS will not be allowed to opt out of local authority control to escape closure, Eric Forth, junior education minister, said yesterday.

New guidelines will tighten procedures to ensure that schools seeking grant-maintained status in response to closure proposals will normally be refused permission by ministers.

The move signals a renewed effort to cut surplus places in schools, wasting about £320 million a year through oversupply, in the face of Treasury attempts to reduce spending in the education department. Critics have repeatedly argued that ministers' eagerness to promote opting out has undermined any drive to cut the number of empty desks.

So far, almost half the 69 schools which have sought to become grant-maintained to avoid closure have won approval, often sabotaging years of complicated consultation procedures. Official estimates put the number of surplus places at about 1.5 million. John Patten, the education secretary, is committed to phasing out up to 900,000 places within four years, using the money saved to improve schools with poor results, or expand the most popular.

Mr Forth told the Council of Local Education Authorities conference in Harrogate that ministers would not allow applications for grant-maintained status to scupper sound reorganisation plans.

He said: "Given all the local sensitivities stimulated by removal of surplus school places, rationalisation can often be a difficult and challenging task for local education authorities. Our proposals should help them in drawing up robust proposals."

The number of surplus places removed each year has dipped recently — from more than 118,000 in 1989, to 93,000 in 1990 and 99,000 in 1991 — as more schools switched to become grant-maintained.

Mr Forth said grant-maintained status was not a bolt-hole for unviable schools. Although ministers were not prepared to call a total halt to all opt-out activity in areas covered by reorganisation plans, they acknowledged that some authorities might be inhibited from presenting robust proposals because of the option, he said.

The week in Parliament

House of Commons

Today (9.30pm): Debate on government strategy for science, engineering and technology.
Monday: Defence estimates debate, last day. Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuance) Order.
Tuesday: Opposition debate on funding of political parties.
Wednesday: Agriculture bill, remaining stages. Council tax limitation (wales) (maximum amount) order.
Thursday: Northern Ireland Act (Interim Period Extension) Order.
Friday: Debate on health and welfare of children.

House of Lords:

Monday: Education bill, report. Licensing (Scotland) bill, third reading.
Tuesday: European communities (amendment) bill, committee. Sexual offences bill, second reading.
Wednesday: European communities (amendment) bill, committee. Debate on Barnado's and Youth Aid report.
Thursday: European communities (amendment) bill, committee.

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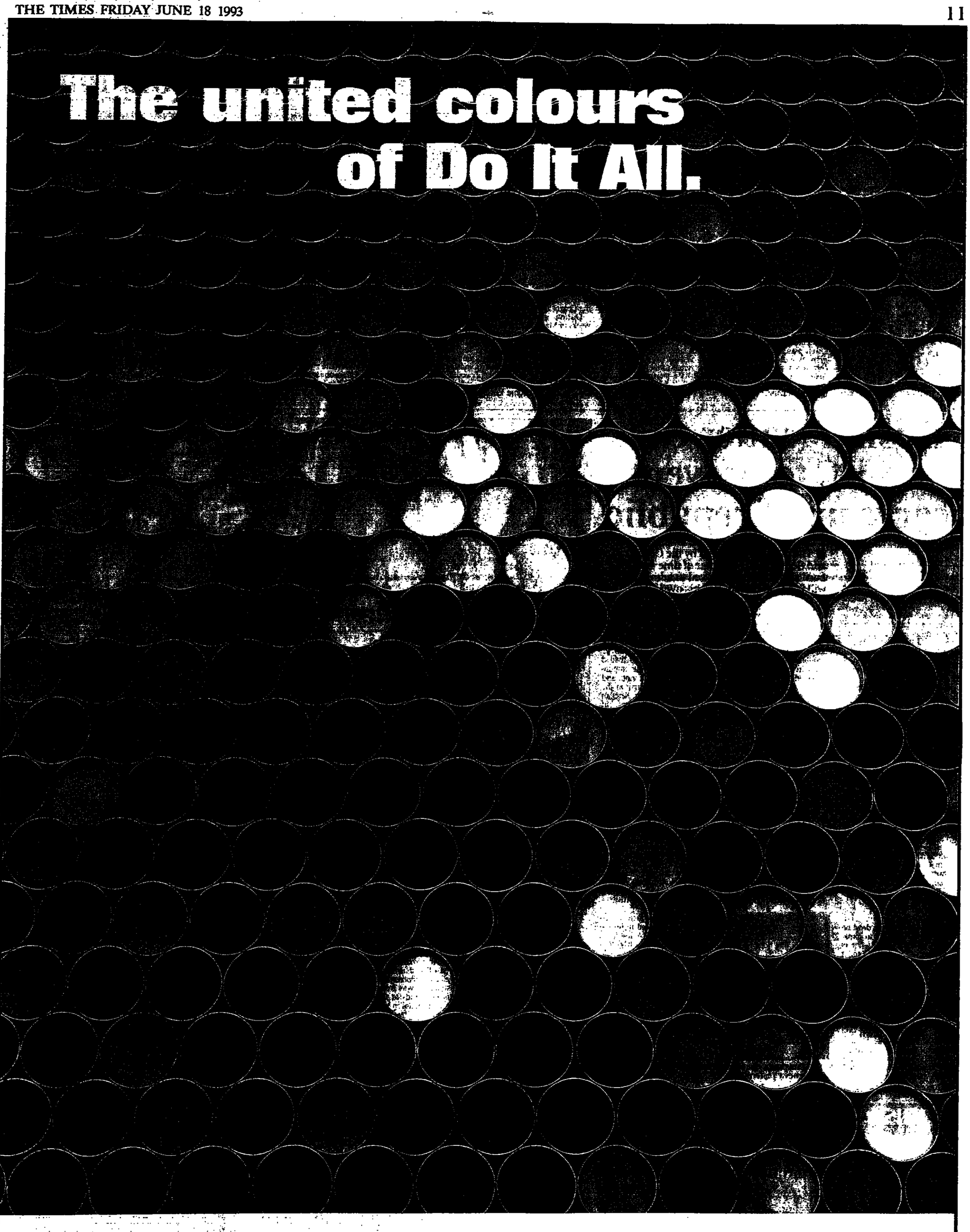
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Muslims bridle as Serbs and Croats gloat over old maps

*Mutual affection for a divided Bosnia brought together Serbia and Croatia in the past, but **Misha Glenny** believes they still face two serious difficulties*



Milosevic: doubts on influence in Krajina

THE division of Bosnia-Herzegovina, along the lines proposed by the Serb and Croat presidents, Slobodan Milosevic and Franjo Tudjman, at Geneva on Wednesday, is not new. It is 54 years old. The contours of the Serb and Croat mini-states in Bosnia bear a striking resemblance to the maps created by the *Sporazum* (agreement) of 1939. As royal Yugoslavia was crumbling under the pressure of the new forces in Europe, the Serb-dominated government conceded considerable political power to the Croats, leading to the formation of the Croatian Banovina.

"The Croat and Serbian sides have undertaken to prepare over the next days proposed changes to the maps and the constitutional principles embodied in the Vance-Owen plan," President Tudjman proudly told a news conference in Geneva. The *Sporazum 1993* has finally exposed the Croat/Muslim military alliance, based on two incompatible war aims, to be a fiction.

President Izetbegovic yesterday rejected the carve-up of Bosnia into three mini-states, highlighting the difficulties Serbs and Croats will face in implementing a new *Sporazum*. In 1939, the Muslims were not considered a nation. Under Tito, however, their sense of national identity grew considerably and they are unlikely to watch the division of their state without a fight — even if it is a fight they cannot win.

But the revived friendship between President Tudjman and President Milosevic, who have been brought together in the past through their mutual affection for a divided Bosnia, faces two serious problems. The completion of a deal in Bosnia is dependent on Belgrade and Zagreb also coming to an understanding over the status of the Krajina, the Serb-held territories in Croatia. The Vance plan, signed in January 1991, turned four Serb-held areas into UN Protected Areas (UNPAs) which have since been policed rather haphazardly by some 18,000 UN troops. But the UN regime has been unable to implement the return of Croatian refugees to the region; nor has it begun to negotiate the restoration of Croatian sovereignty over the region, two key aspects of the Vance plan whose implementation the Croats await impatiently.

During the first three weeks of May, officials at UN headquarters in Zagreb were greatly encouraged by the development of a dialogue between the two sides which may have resolved these outstanding questions.

On May 23, however, Russia, the US and some European countries issued the Washington Declaration which effectively consigned the Vance-Owen plan for Bosnia to history's rubbish bin. This emboldened the position of hardliners among the Bosnian Serbs. "It also encouraged the Krajina Serbs who took it to mean the international community was not interested in enforcing any of its programmes in the former Yugoslavia, including the Vance plan for Croatia," explained a senior UN official in Zagreb.

The Serbs cancelled all further talks with the Croat authorities in Zagreb and instead announced they would hold a referendum, which will take place this weekend, to decide whether to unite in a single state with the Bosnian Serbs.

President Tudjman has made it clear, not unreasonably, that if the United Nations were unable to prevent the unification of the two territories, Croatia would have to use military means to settle the issue.

Now, however, the crisis may be averted; if President Milosevic wants to strike a deal with Croatia over Bosnia, he has to concede Croatian sovereignty over the Krajina. President Tudjman would also have to compromise by affording the Krajina Serbs wide-ranging political autonomy which he has refused until now.

On Wednesday, Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, indicated that President Milosevic had set the wheels in motion to halt the Krajina Serbs' plan to scupper the Vance plan. Mr Karadzic said that the Krajina "is ready for unification and the Croats are ready to attack. So we will probably put back unification." Which in Serb language means that the Bosnian Serb leadership is happy with what it has got from the Serb-Croat deal in Geneva and will not provoke further trouble with the Croats.

But if President Milosevic is serious about becoming the Balkan peacemaker, he still faces an uphill struggle persuading the Krajina Serbs to drop their commitment to self-determination. Earlier this week Milan Martic, the Krajina's military strongman, spoke in characteristically blunt terms. "We don't want war, but coexistence between Serbs and Croats in the same state is impossible." What disturbs UN officials is that Mr Martic is usually considered President Milosevic's man in Knin, but they are no longer sure whether the Serbian president wields as much influence there as was once the case.

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Tudjman: proud of the new deal with Serbia

Bosnia leader calls on EC to prevent carve-up of republic

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN AND TIM JUDAH BALKANS CORRESPONDENT

■ **The division of Bosnia by the Croats and Serbs is only a matter of time and, as Lord Owen has been forced to admit, it will bear little relation to his own map**

PRESIDENT Izetbegovic of Bosnia-Herzegovina yesterday forcefully rejected any plan that would divide the former Yugoslav republic into three mini-states and said he refused to return to Geneva for further talks. "For us, the negotiations are over," he said during a short visit to Bonn.

Mr Izetbegovic is on an improvised tour of European Community capitals in a bid to influence the agenda at next week's Copenhagen summit. With Lord Owen admitting that his plan has run its course, with Washington swinging for and against a policy of arming the Muslims, and with the United Nations having problems drumming up the necessary soldiers to police "safe areas", Mr Izetbegovic is racing against the clock. Serbs and Croats are moving closer to a formal partition of the Bosnian republic, and there is now an awareness in Europe that little can be done to prevent it.

In Geneva yesterday, Lord Owen said that changes on the ground meant that large parts of his plan "had been ripped up before our very eyes". He hoped that parts of the Vance-Owen plan would survive, but when asked if it was dead he said: "You can't stick to something irrespective of what is happening. I want peace and it does not have to be my plan." He angrily rejected any suggestion of resigning.

President Izetbegovic's rejection of the Serb-Croat partition plan was quickly followed by a demand from Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian foreign minister, for an emergency meeting of the United Nations General Assembly "to prevent the dismemberment of a UN member". Mr Silajdzic said: "The peace plan known as Vance-Owen ... only gave time to the aggressor to complete the genocide and consolidate gains by force." He added: "And they are now abandoning it. The lines drawn in blood will now be confirmed on paper under the auspices of the international community."

Diplomatic observers yesterday compared the Serb-Croat vision of the future of the Bosnian mini-states with the tribal homelands worked out in South Africa: isolated pockets that owed nothing to tribal history. By the same token, the Bosnian Muslims would be assigned a chunk of the northwest around Bihac, which would probably fall under the economic patronage of Croatia, and land around Sarajevo, including Zenica and Tuzla.

The Vance-Owen plan, criticised for its crudity and for the amount of territory awarded to the Serbs, at least provided for the territorial integrity of Bosnia, and worked out how, in constitutional and military terms, such a loosely federated state could work.

But yesterday Mr Izetbegovic was adamant. "The authentic Bosnia, as it always was, simply cannot be divided into three parts." He emphasised that he was not, and would not be, a party to the carve-up agreed by Serbian and Croatian leaders at Geneva. "We did not negotiate — I went there to hear what [Presidents] Tudjman [of Croatia] and Milosevic [of Serbia] had to say."

The leaders of Croatia and Serbia have advanced some way in splitting the republic and are trying, in effect, to replace the Vance-Owen map with their own. An important deal was struck between the Bosnian Serbs and Bosnian Croats on exchanging populations and property.

Mr Izetbegovic's hope is that the EC might rally round the Vance-Owen plan and that it would fall into line with those in Washington who are urging an end to the arms embargo on the Muslims. Neither seems very likely. The president was eloquent yesterday about the need to lift the arms embargo. "A lifting of the embargo would lead to a military balance which would in turn bring about peace."

The Bosnian leader lobbied hard yesterday for Germany, at least, to supply "defensive" weapons to the Muslims. But Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, seemed to indicate that the Bosnian Muslims had destroyed their case for more arms by turning against Croat forces. Herr Kohl urged Mr Izetbegovic to do all in his power to end the fighting between Muslims and Croats.



Seeking peace: Owen in Geneva yesterday



Punch line: a Bosnian woman in Vienna punches through a poster of Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, blaming him for "rape and murder" in Bosnia. The incident took place outside the building where the UN was holding its human rights conference

Risking all to report on the horrors of war

BY PETER COLE

YESTERDAY *The Daily Telegraph* ran a story by Patrick Bishop in Vitez which told of the protracted attempt of a British convoy to pass through a Muslim checkpoint. It was not a particularly dramatic story in the context of present-day Bosnia-Herzegovina. Its chief merit was that it was a witness account. Bishop was there with the convoy, describing first-hand what he saw.

Hours later he was the victim of an anti-personnel mine attached to a tree trunk in Sifluk, near Travnik. It had been deliberately detonated by a Bosnian Croat soldier and injured a British army captain as well as the correspondent.

Bishop, 40, was treated for shrapnel wounds at the British army hospital in Vitez. He had been hit by about 30 fragments of metal and red-hot plastic when the Claymore mine exploded. Captain Peter Bullock, of the Seventh Ghurkas, suffered a gash to his forearm and a cut less than half an inch from his left eye. Both men were discharged yesterday afternoon.

The incident underlines the dangers to which the warring communities and the United Nations peacekeepers are exposed, and the correspondents and cameramen who send reports and pictures of the fighting around the world.

All wars produce innocent victims, the women and children caught up in the fighting. Peacekeeping soldiers are professionals, in uniform, even if they are declared non-combatants. Those who send them know the risks. Where do journalists fit in? They are there by choice and have a measure of protection not available to local civilians. But how great a risk is justifiable to produce coverage of war?

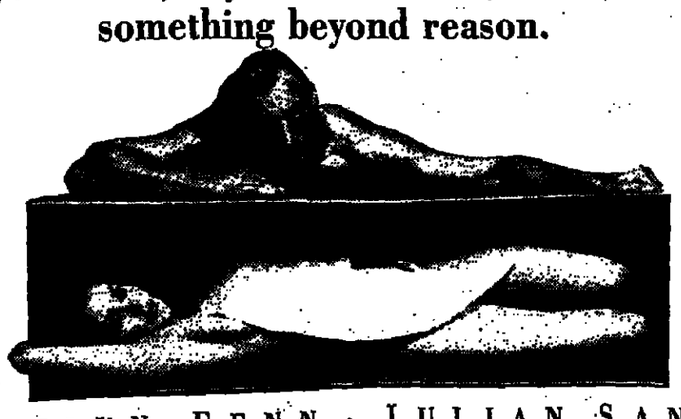
There is a breed of journalist who seek out danger. They believe that journalism of the essence is war reporting. None is braver than the cameraman who has no alternative but to be in the firing line.

This civil war is more dangerous to cover than more conventional battles, because there are not two sides but several, because the conflict is forever changing in nature. The journalists have been freer agents than in the Gulf, Falklands and Vietnam wars, often able to go where their own skill and guile rather then the military allowed them. It is why the casualty list is so much longer than in more conventional wars. Where there is anarchy and chaos there is greater risk.

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US points finger at Germany

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

WARREN Christopher, the US Secretary of State, yesterday accused Germany of triggering the Balkans conflict, which has so bedevilled the Clinton administration during its first few months in office.

The Germans bore a "particular responsibility" because they pressured the European Community into swift recognition of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, Mr Christopher said, in an interview with *USA Today*. He added that many serious students of the matter think the beginnings of the problems the West faces stem from that recognition, which enraged the Serbs.

The German embassy in Washington expressed astonishment at his allegation and rejected it. It said non-recognition would have left the Muslims exposed to Serbian aggression "without even a modicum of protection from the international community".

Mr Christopher also denounced the United Nations arms embargo as a "serious mistake" that had frozen in place "a tremendous disparity in armament" between the

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Foreign forces strike at heart of Mogadishu's tortured politics

US attack came a year too late

FROM SAM KILEY IN MOGADISHU

■ Strong UN action has raised doubts about the use of violence. For Somalis, it has provided a chance to speak out regardless of the warlords' wishes

THE United Nation's massive military strike against Somalia's most powerful warlord yesterday came a year too late. But it has changed the complexion of politics in Somalia in a trice.

Now civilian Somalis will dare to speak out and take part in the political reconstruction of their country, freed from the constant threat of assassination if they differ with the leaders of bandit groups who orchestrated last year's famine, and have held the country to ransom for two years.

It will also boost the reputation of the UN, not just in Somalia, by sending an unmistakable message to other parts of the world like Bosnia and Angola, where direct military intervention in the name of humanity has been called for.

The first cries for direct military intervention from the Somali people to the international community came in December 1991 when clan fighting in their capital reduced much of it to ruins and precipitated the famine.

Short-term hunger because of the civil war was then exploited by warlords, in particular General Mohamed Aidid, who allowed enough food to get around the country to fill a few bellies, while simultaneously looting much of it. They also forced aid agencies to hire armed guards for "protection" from their own militia. The International Committee of the Red Cross spent $50,000 a week on guards in Mogadishu alone.

By organising a series of ambushes around Mogadishu 13 days ago which killed 23 Pakistanis, General Aidid gave the UN the chance to come out with its toughest mandate yet, effectively empowering its ambassador to Somalia, Admiral Jonathan Howe, with the rights of a colonial governor.

The warlords in Somalia, of whom General Aidid is but one of at least 15, and their followers bitterly resented this. But as a shaik said in Baidoa, where in the middle of last year the streets were littered with starved corpses, "We need outsiders. We cannot rule ourselves."

He did not mean that the fractious Somalis could never rule themselves, but that they would not be able to rebuild their shattered nation until it was freed from the rule of the gun.

That freedom looked possible yesterday as UN soldiers from Pakistan, the United States, Morocco, France, Turkey and Italy assaulted General Aidid's positions and started their attempts to drive him out of the city, or simply to kill him.

Many people outside Somalia have questioned the right of the UN to act in this way. But inside the country, those who have lost families to gunmen or starvation, and the foreigners (mostly aid workers) who have watched 350,000 people perish, have no qualms.

"They should have come in and shot Aidid, and all the other warlords, a long time ago," said the head of one relief agency in Mogadishu yesterday. But aside from simply attacking General Aidid, the UN's action yesterday has after months of vacillation during the original military intervention in the American-led Operation Restore Hope, finally shown Somalis that the UN means business when it talks about disarmament.

General Aidid's ally, Colonel Omar Jess, leader of the Somali Patriotic Movement, was yesterday also believed to be with him on the run from the UN troops and helicopters over the skies of Mogadishu.

Colonel Jess's arch enemy, General Mohamed Hirsi Morgan, whose troops occupied Kismayu under the noses of Belgian and American UN troops four months ago, may look upon the weakness of Colonel Jess and General Aidid as an opportunity to press his sucess home further.

"That would be fine by us. We've been waiting to take Morgan out for some time. The guy is a mass murderer and a war criminal," said an American major yesterday. "All we need is the excuse." Given the show of overwhelming force displayed by the UN yesterday, it is unlikely that General Morgan will raise his head above the parapets. "It is very sad to see more fighting and killing. But I hope a short war will bring us a long peace," said Ali Mohamed Barre, a Somali translator, yesterday.

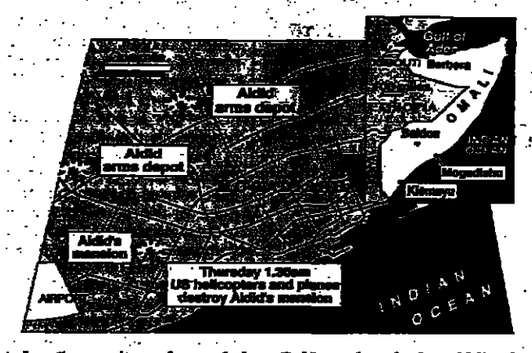
In another development yesterday the US flew 470 Somali refugees from the Kenyan port of Mombasa for resettlement in the United States, officials said. The flight, which left Mombasa on Wednesday night, was the first of a series in which 3,000 Somalis would fly to the United States over the next few months.

A US spokesman said many of the Somali refugees now in Kenya had applied for resettlement. Those with relatives in the United States have priority.

☐ **Geneva:** The International Committee of the Red Cross appealed yesterday for all forces fighting in Somalia — including the UN — to respect humanitarian law and avoid civilian casualties.

With the situation for relief agencies working in the Horn of Africa nation deteriorating, the Swiss body said the rights of civilians had to be respected. In a communiqué, the ICRC asked forces not to attack civilian facilities or "use civilians for military operations". *(Reuter)*

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SIMON WALKER



Protest vote: Somali women demonstrating against American action in their country outside the Somalia embassy in London yesterday

Action in Africa may become role model for the UN

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BOUTROS Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, complained last summer that too much attention was being paid to the former Yugoslavia at the expense of Somalia.

Ironically, with UN troops now on the offensive to restore peace in Mogadishu, many believe that Somalia should become the model for UN action in Bosnia. "We would like to see the United Nations also forceful in Bosnia," said José Luis Jesús, the ambassador of Cape Verde, one of the 15 members of the security council who take all key decisions on peacekeeping.



"If the statement in Somalia is to show the muscle of the United Nations to those that disregard security council decisions, then it would be appropriate to also make sure that the decisions of the security council were to be enforced everywhere, including Bosnia," he said.

In both Bosnia and Somalia, the security council has given wide authority to its troops to use force. UN resolutions on Bosnia authorise the protection force to take nepessary measures not just to facilitate the delivery of aid, but also deter attacks against "safe areas" and promote the withdrawal of Bosnian Serb and Croat forces.

Yet the UN force in Bosnia is repeatedly intimidated and humiliated because of the recognition by all concerned that, unlike in Somalia, its 9,000 troops do not have the power to confront the local armies.

"Those that have the forces to do that know that it's tougher somewhere else than in Somalia — that is the reason why they do not implement security council resolutions in Bosnia," Mr Jesús remarked. "If they were to do so everywhere else it would very much strengthen the credibility of the UN."

The key difference between the UN missions in Bosnia and Somalia is the role of the world's sole remaining superpower, the United States. In Somalia, the United States is ready to play the role of international policeman, putting down local factions and providing men, air power and equipment for the UN force. Some 4,400 of the 17,000 UN troops now in Somalia are from the United States and the top UN official in the country is a retired American admiral.

But Washington is loath to play a similar role in the larger, and more dangerous conflict in the former Yugoslavia.

Hurd voices concern at military assault

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

MILITARY action by the United Nations would not supply lasting answers to the world's problems, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said yesterday.

Britain fully supported the UN operation in Somalia and condemned the warlords who provoked conflict, Mr Hurd said. Ground, air or sea action might be needed to stabilise a situation or redress a wrong. But he added: "The UN cannot use force to create colonies for itself. The end of every conflict throws up the question 'What next?' Who runs the place when the blue helmets have gone?"

Any UN involvement had to be in support of a political process, Mr Hurd said at a diplomatic banquet for foreign diplomats. This was a pre-condition for UN participation in peacekeeping. Forces had to have a clear objective and a precise mandate. "The phrase 'something must be done' is for practical purposes useless."

Despite protestations of support, Mr Hurd's remarks what he saw as false expectations. "None of us have any illusions about the ease with which what can still scarcely be called a country can be put back together again.

"The murder earlier this month of UN troops in Mogadishu reminds us of the dangers and difficulties. We deeply regret all loss of life in Somalia. It is right to investigate the tragic shooting of demonstrators last weekend."

He said the UN had to be realistic about its capacity. The number of possible involvements was growing rapidly, but each cause had military dangers and financial headaches. The time had come to set up a general staff to support the UN secretary-general: a core of professional military and civilian experts were needed to act as the UN's nervous system, responsible for planning, co-ordination and rapid development.

Mr Hurd also criticised the readiness of countries to call for an interventionist role for the UN without a commitment to provide troops and

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Boost for embattled Clinton

Democrats back economic package

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

■ Rapid progress on a modified version of the president's economic plan may signal better times for the administration

PRESIDENT Clinton scored an unexpectedly swift victory in Congress, when Democratic senators agreed on a modified version of his economic programme. The agreement paves the way for the passing of the largest deficit-reduction programme in history, which Mr Clinton considers to be the bedrock of his presidency.

The agreement on the $500 billion (£320 billion) deficit-reduction package represents a boost for Mr Clinton after weeks of devastating criticism of his presidency. The agreement will pave the way for early passage of the budget before the summit of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations in Tokyo next month. The White House hopes this will help to portray Mr Clinton on the international stage as showing successful leadership on economic issues, and that it will enable him to urge his colleagues to undertake difficult structural reforms as America has done.

Mr Clinton was so pleased by the news that he decided to hold his first live news conference on prime-time television last night. It was his second full-scale press conference this week, not including the botched event on Monday when Mr Clinton cut off a press question-and-answer session because he was infuriated by a question on the "zig-zag quality" of his presidency.

It would be premature to conclude that the Senate endorsement of most of his economic plan will signify a turning-point in the negative public perception of his presidency. However, it is as good as could be realistically expected so far.

The Democratic senators agreed to support most of the plan, except for the $70 million energy tax, based on the heat content of fuel and widely applauded by environmentalists. After heavy lobbying from mostly Southern energy producers, Democratic senators decided to opt for a less ambitious transportation tax which will put 4.3 cents on the price of a gallon of petrol. The full Senate is expected to approve the package next week.

In another development, Democratic senators succeeded in overturning a Republican filibuster against the president's campaign finance reform bill, helped by a few dissenting Republicans. Mr Clinton's widely applauded plans for national service have also been endorsed, with modifications, by two congressional committees.



Bearer of hope: Andrew Gobea, held by Dr Donald Kohn of Los Angeles Children's Hospital, has become the first infant to undergo gene therapy for a rare inherited disease. Month-old Andrew has severe combined immune deficiency, making him unable to cope with infections (Nick Nuttall writes). Doctors led by Dr Kohn used a new technique, modifying cells from Andrew's umbilical cord to carry the gene that produces the enzyme he is missing. It may take five months to know if he is cured.

UN threatens Haiti military with embargo

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

THE United Nations has given Haiti's military-backed rulers one week to reach a democratic solution to the country's political crisis before tough economic sanctions are imposed, cutting off the small Caribbean nation from all oil and weapons supplies.

The UN is fast losing patience with the intransigence of Haitian politicians who, manipulated by the army, have refused to sign an agreement for the return from exile of Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the democratically elected president, who was ousted in a military coup in September 1991.

Early yesterday an explosion rocked Petionville, a suburb of the capital, which has been the scene of several such incidents in the past few months, and gunfire was heard in the Canape Vert district of the city. There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage, but police set up roadblocks and searched vehicles around the capital.

At least three people have been killed and several more injured in previous explosions in Port-au-Prince attributed by the police to supporters of Father Aristide, who have denied any responsibility. A little-known group called New Indigenous Army claimed to be behind several of the blasts.

The explosion took place a few hours after the UN Security Council passed the sanctions resolution. UN officials expect that the embargo will quickly buckle the resolve of the Haitian "de facto" authorities, but observers fear it may take time and could take a severe economic toll on average Haitians, who are already desperately poor, and the ousted president's most devoted supporters.

Haiti recently received an oil shipment that topped up its reserves and it could last eight weeks with rationing, say diplomats. They said there are enough guns and ammunition to keep the army and police supplied for months.

Evans Paul, the mayor of Port-au-Prince, who is a bold opponent of the military, believes it will be a painful process. "I fear the possibility the embargo will have to be maintained for too long, and it will be very, very hard for us," he said.

The security council resolution, approved late on Wednesday, would ban all oil supplies and military equipment from entering Haitian waters from Wednesday and require all overseas Haitian assets to be frozen. It includes no enforcement provisions, except a commitment to monitor compliance.

The UN chose to keep the weapon of a blockade in reserve. France and Canada had offered ships to patrol Haitian coastal waters as part of a blockade of Haitian ports, and the United States already has a large fleet of vessels in the area to intercept Haitian boat people.

If sea routes to Haiti are cut, the alternative would be overland from the Dominican Republic, which is a well-used smuggling path. Observers say, however, that it would be an impossible task to transport all the country's oil needs by land.

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Clinton to fly family to summit

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton is planning to turn his first visit to an international summit into a family outing.

Washington learnt with some astonishment yesterday that in addition to his wife, who would be expected to attend, Mr Clinton also intends to take his mother-in-law and his daughter, Chelsea, plus three of her teenage friends to the Group of Seven summit in Tokyo next month.

Such a group outing is highly unusual and immediately raised questions over the cost to American taxpayers, particularly coming so soon after the negative publicity from his use of Air Force One as a barber shop.

The Washington Post yesterday mocked the trip in a headline, reading "Bill and Family's Excellent Adventure". White House spokesmen, realising that the trip would provide more quips for late-night comedians, insisted that there was still no final passenger list.

But officials in charge of travel arrangements said passports were being issued and other preparations were well in hand for Hillary Clinton's mother, Dorothy, as well as Chelsea and her three friends, to join the entourage.

Apparently no instructions have yet been given about billing for Mr Clinton's guests. The trip begins with an overnight stay in San Francisco on July 5, followed by the summit in Tokyo from July 7 to 9. After that, the Clintons will visit South Korea and may stop in Hawaii on the way home for a week's holiday.

Pepsi faces flood of can claims

New York: Consumers claiming to have discovered cans of Pepsi containing hypodermic syringes have cropped up in 23 American states during the past eight days in what could be a case of mass product-tampering or, more likely, one of mass hysteria and fraud (Ben Macintyre writes).

On June 10 a couple in Tacoma, Washington, said they had found a single, uncontaminated syringe in a can of Diet Pepsi.

Malawi change

Harare: The Malawi government will call a parliamentary session to alter the constitution, which enshrines one-party rule, and it expects to hold multiparty polls this year.

Vote postponed

Tokyo: A vote of no confidence in the cabinet of Kiichi Miyazawa, due yesterday, was postponed. The motion was provoked by dissent over political reform plans.

Swearing in

Kabul: Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the radical Mujahidin leader, was sworn in as Afghanistan's first prime minister since guerrillas took power more than a year ago. *(Reuter)*

Slow trio

Vancouver: A Canadian woman has completed giving birth to triplets 45 days after the first baby was born. Her labour was stopped after she had a 2.6lb son ten weeks early. Now she has another son and daughter. *(AFP)*

Guru's meditators join crime-busters

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

FOLLOWERS of an Indian guru are trying pleasant thoughts to cut Washington's murder and mugging rates. About 3,000 followers of the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi have launched a six-week experiment to show local government officials that policemen are no longer necessary. Their calming, meditative thoughts are claimed to have a unifying mental effect which can turn hardened criminals into law-abiding citizens.

The Maharishi effect is the notion of Dr John Hagelin, a Harvard University physics graduate and former employee of Cern, Europe's atom-smashing facility in Switzerland. The efforts are being monitored including the World Bank, the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, and Columbia District Metropolitan Police.

"They are going to have to prove that whatever fall in crime occurs is not due to citizens' marches or one of our own police operations. They are going to have to prove that their technology is over and above," said Emanuel Ross, a statistician with the police force.

The price of mental crime busting has generated scepticism among city fathers. Chicago would have to pay about $266 million (£177 million) for the Maharishi's services. The Washington experiment might be considered something of a loss

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A few hundred men battle in the desert to rule Baku

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN KAZI MOHAMED AZERBAIJAN

■ On the road from Baku, rebel forces and government troops are dug in. The conflict reflects growing disillusion with the Popular Front's use of power

IN THE semi-desert, west of the Azerbaijani capital Baku, two tiny armies are watching each other, their numbers dwarfed by the immensity of the landscape and the indifference of most of the population to their struggle.

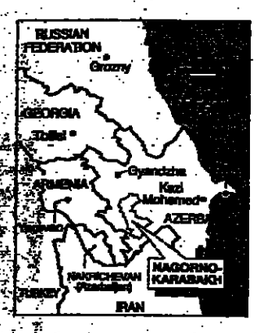
After a brief counter-attack by government troops on Monday, a ceasefire is holding round the village of Pirsaat, about 40 miles on the main road from Baku. But in Shemakha, 77 miles from Baku, a rebel offensive was yesterday reported to have succeeded in seizing the town.

Both the rebel forces and government troops are waiting for the outcome of secret talks between Surat Husseinov, the rebel commander, and Heidar Aliyev, the former Communist leader who has been appointed as Azerbaijan's new parliamentary leader to cope with the country's domestic political crisis. Colonel Husseinov is demanding the resignation of President Elchibey, of the Popular Front, whom he holds responsible for the current bloodshed in Azerbaijan. His forces mutinied on June 4, seizing Gyandzha, Azerbaijan's second city.

The road from Baku to Gyandzha passes across the front line and is still open to traffic from the west. Government troops block it at the eastern end, but it was easy to evade them by taking dirt roads. Urfullah Husseinov, a farmer who acted as our guide, was infuriated at having his life disrupted by roadblocks of these "stupid kids", and chuckled at having outwitted them.

The opposing forces on the road number only a few hundred men on both sides, in the middle of a country of more than seven million. Some armoured vehicles have been dug in, but both sides seem to be displaying the same carelessness which contributed to Azerbaijan losing the war with Armenia over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh.

The rebel forces now control more than three-quarters of Azerbaijan. However, they



are by no means homogeneous and certainly not under the control of Colonel Husseinov. In most places, power was seized by groups led by local leaders, notably members of the former Soviet establishment who generally support Mr Aliyev. They have kicked out the Popular Front, who for the space of one year had seized power. In Kazi Mohamed, control was seized last Saturday by activists from the Independent Azerbaijan Party, a day before Colonel Husseinov's men arrived. The Popular Front mayor, Husseimkhan Veliyev, has been arrested.

Fazil Abumanov, the new mayor, previously held the post during the last days of Communist rule. He was a trade union official. In the neighbouring town of Ali Bairamli, the new mayor was previously director of a large factory. Just as these men are typical of Mr Aliyev's supporters, so Mr Veliyev, a former teacher, was typical of those who form the backbone of the Popular Front. A professor in Baku said: "These men represent the uncivilised, Asiatic side of Azerbaijan; whereas many senior Communists, for all their faults, were closer to Europe."

Mr Abumanov described how "all over Azerbaijan the Popular Front promoted such men, with no experience, whom the people did not know or trust". He accused his predecessor of being a convicted drug trafficker.

Colonel Husseinov, 34, an ally of the former communist establishment and a millionaire businessman, is accused by his enemies of being a tool of Moscow. When Azerbaijan suffered its first defeat at Armenian hands in the winter of 1991-92, the colonel switched his allegiance from Azerbaijan's former Communist leader, President Mutalibov, to the Popular Front. His most important contribution to the Popular Front government was to use his money to buy arms and pay mercenary soldiers from the disintegrating Soviet forces.

Popular Front officials now allege Colonel Husseinov was a long-standing Soviet agent. Observers believe his rebellion could hardly have succeeded so quickly had it not been for some kind of covert Russian support.

Colonel Husseinov gave part of his arms to the Azerbaijani army but also equipped a force of several hundred men, called the 709th Brigade, who are loyal to him. This unit played a leading part in Azerbaijani victories against the Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh last summer.

But by February the military tide had turned against the Azerbaijanis. The Popular Front, seeking a scapegoat and fearing Colonel Husseinov's increasing power, dismissed him from his military command, laying the ground for the present turmoil.



Firepower duel: an Azerbaijani gun shells Armenian positions in the war over Nagorno-Karabakh. Armenian victories led to the rebellion in Azerbaijan

Yeltsin clinches power-sharing deal with the regions

BY ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PRESIDENT Yeltsin's legal aide said yesterday he had clinched a power-sharing deal with Russia's autonomous republics and regions that would stave off the threat of disintegration or civil war.

Sergei Shakhrai, deputy prime minister, said the 88 territories that make up Russia had found a compromise enshrining the right to local self-determination but averting the danger of tearing the country apart. Mr Shakhrai said the agreement, by transcending ethnic divisions in a country of more than 150 nationalities, marked a decisive move to prevent Russia from going the way of Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia or the Soviet Union.

Mr Shakhrai also announced the creation of a new pro-Yeltsin political party, the Party of Russian Unity and Accord, which he said would hold its founding congress in July or August if it won support from the regions.

In a series of concessions, Ukraine's parliament tried to avert political turmoil in the country yesterday, enflamed by a ten-day-old miners' strike. The Supreme Rada (parliament) agreed by 228 votes to 18 to agree to the miners' principal demand — a plebiscite on confidence in the president, Leonid Kravchuk, and parliament itself. The vote is scheduled for September 26.

However, the climbdown seems unlikely to dampen discontent in the former Soviet republic. Strike leaders were yesterday demanding the immediate dissolution of parliament. Speaking to a 30,000-strong demonstration in Donetsk, the eastern Ukrainian city where the dispute has centred, Nikolai Volynko, the miners' leader, said: "If the deputies don't want to give up their seats, we'll throw them out. The strike continues."

According to strike leaders, up to 226 pits out of the country's total of 250 have stopped work. The political chaos in Kiev has led to accusations from deputies that Russia is fuelling the miners' anger.

In Moscow, Presidents Yeltsin and Kravchuk agreed yesterday to divide the Black Sea fleet and let Moscow dock its own navy at the disputed Ukrainian port of Sevastopol. But the leaders apparently failed to break an impasse over Ukraine's insistence on keeping some of its 1,900 former Soviet nuclear warheads, an issue that alarmed Western and Russian officials.

A joint communiqué noted that the summit agreements are subject to approval by parliaments in both countries.

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Kravchuk: faces plebiscite vote of confidence

Aborigines plan legal action against Britain

FROM ROBERT COCKBURN IN SYDNEY

Australia's indigenous aboriginal people are planning legal action against the British government over what they describe as a crime against humanity and trespass committed by Captain Cook and subsequent white settlers, following Britain's claim on the continent.

The action, announced at the aboriginal legal conference in Adelaide, reflects the profound frustration felt among Aborigines for the failure of Australian governments to recognise formally their rights as the continent's original inhabitants and for the appalling conditions most still endure. The United Nations describe these as equivalent to Third World poverty.

Paul Coe, chairman of the National Aboriginal and Islander Legal Service Secretariat, said proceedings would be initiated in the International Court of Justice, although he declined to specify the damages sought. The move can also be seen as an attempt to put public pressure on Paul Keating, the prime minister, to give tangible recognition of aboriginal rights as the issue comes to a head across Australia in a series of enormous land claims.

The aboriginal claims, including one for a third of New South Wales, have been provoked by an attempt to test last year's High Court ruling, which overturned the eighteenth-century British claim that Australia was an uninhabited continent when Cook landed. The Mabo decision, named after the aboriginal campaigner Eddie Mabo, formally recognises native occupation of Australia prior to the arrival of European settlers.

Yesterday, aboriginal delegates at the Adelaide conference attacked Mr Keating for his refusal to attend the meeting to discuss the issues raised by Mabo. Aborigines say delegates will continue to submit new land claims until the prime minister agrees to talk to them.

Cook is being cited for his role in claiming Australia, which was followed by the first fleet of British convicts arriving in what is now Sydney in 1788. The killing of the aboriginal population by settlers virtually wiped out their culture.

There has been a renaissance of aboriginal culture over the past 20 years by surviving tribes and descendants, but this has been paid lip service by Australian governments and has not brought about the same sort of recognition seen in informal treaties with indigenous peoples in New Zealand and Canada.

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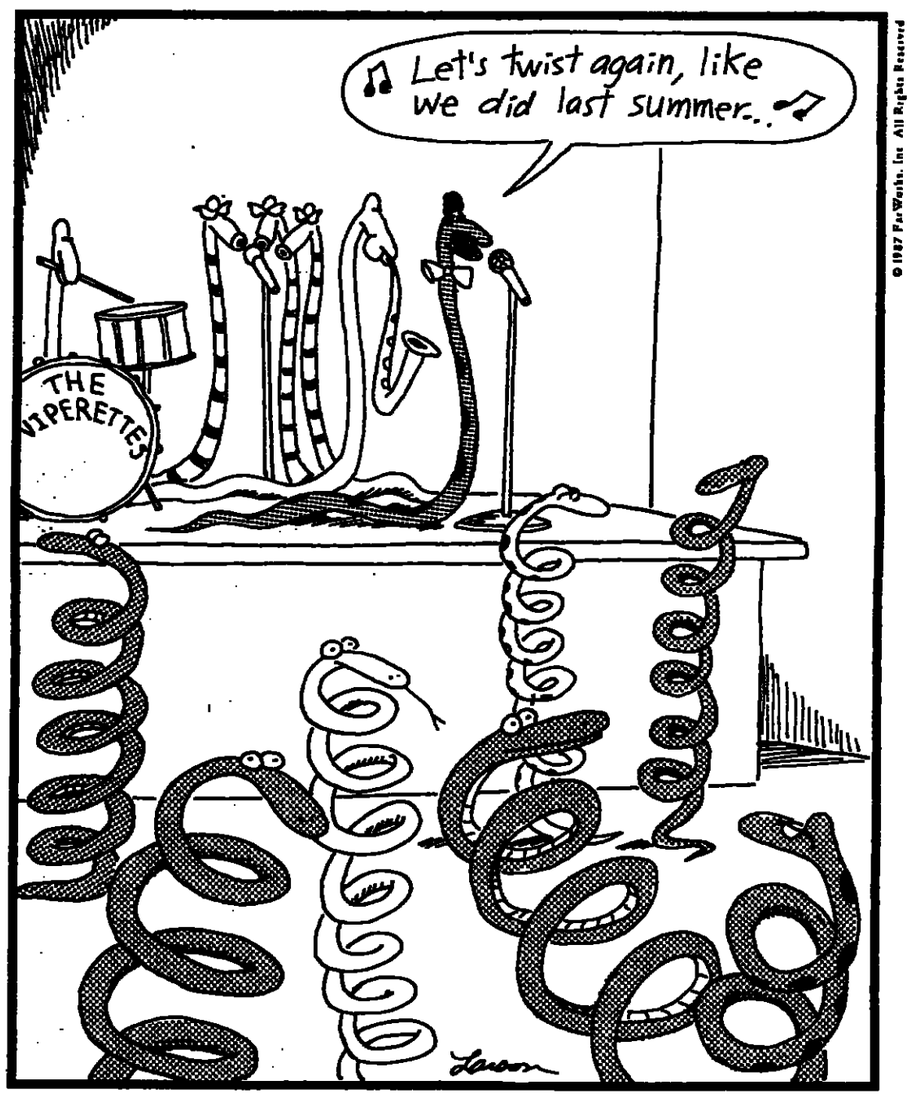
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Margot Norman throws all caution to the wind and picks up a frothy little confection for her day at the races

A late entry in the Ascot hat stakes

On Wednesday, I tramped the streets looking for a hat shaped like a bucket. Preferably two buckets, actually. One to keep my ears warm, the other to catch *the cats and dogs tipping* down from on high. What's wrong with a brolly, you ask? Nothing, in the general way of wet afternoons, but on Ladies' Day at Royal Ascot it doesn't, for some unfathomable reason, meet the rule that women must have their crowns covered. (Nor does a plastic bag over a coronet.) So on I tramped. And on. And on. What happened to Wednesday? It went, nearly all of it, on a sodden, surly slog to find the hat that would inspire the outfit, or the outfit that would inspire the hat, or — Time's winged chariot was about to run me over by now: "We've left it a bit late, haven't we, madam?" — anything to fit me that wasn't lime green or shocking pink?

It's fun when you get there, of course — Chelsea, Ascot, Goodwood, Wimbledon, even Henley. The flowers and horses always look ravishing, there's no better neck exercise that watching men's doubles, and the blur of a boat flashing by at least reminds you that not everyone's turned out just for an idle picnic. Who cares about a few raindrops in the champagne? If the gossip is good you don't even mind temporarily taking root and becoming a shortie as *your stilettos sink into the turf.* But — I'd better whisper this, for fear of



On form: Fiona Fullerton

a chorus of disapproval from the Duchess of Argyll (poor modern *girls, they have to fit in jobs* somehow, the season can't be half so much fun as it was in her day), Helena Rubinstein (there ain't no ugly women, just lazy ones), the *Queen Mother* (93, and for goodness' sake the woman's got flu, not a hat crisis) and, for all I know Dr Johnson (though I think even he might have tired of London if all he'd seen was its damned shops) — but, is it really worth all the hassle?

It certainly wasn't the first time I went to Wimbledon. The thing was not done in style, that time. We queued in the very un-British heat for what seemed like most of the *day, squeezed into the centre court* crowd at last, saw ten minutes of tennis in what Dan Maskell announced was 104 degrees Fahrenheit, and then I blacked out. The rest of the afternoon was spent in the tunnel being fanned by an amiable St John Ambulance man.

Henley was marginal, too, the time we drove off with the picnic basket on the roof of the car and then had an hour to recriminate while we sat in that traffic jam approaching the bridge over the river. And Ascot? Ah, the trouble *with Ascot is always the hat.* The hat and the wind, the hat and the rain, the fact that it has to be a smart hat, not one of your dreamy Goodwood straws.

There is a discreet sign on the counter in the hat department at Harrods reminding customers that hats are damaged by rain. The understatement of it! If Harrods were bound by the new regulations aimed at making estate agents tell

> 'Rain ruins hats. There is nothing on earth less glamorous than a woman in a ruined hat'

the truth its sign would read: "Rain ruins hats. There is nothing *on earth less glamorous than a* woman in a ruined hat. The investment you are about to make is fundamentally unsound." Imagine a meringue in a swimming pool. It's *that* unsound. That's the sort of thing I was muttering, anyway, as *I* ordered my feet out of there and away from ... Oh, the most deliciously dissoluble *millefeuille* you ever clapped eyes on.

I retreated for a coffee to calm my avarice, and flipped through *Tatler* and its accompanying glossy *Handbook of the Season.* This is emblazoned with the name Veuve Cliquot and has *Tatler's logo, very small,* with the famous Bystander backing away from the whole thing in the bottom left hand corner. I'm not sure he approves of Veuve Cliquot's attempt to expand *the British Season from the Grand* National in early April right through to the King George Chase at Kempton after Christmas, taking in en route every possible *occasion for a bottle of fizz.*

It was heartening, though, to see how many hatless occasions were listed. No need for all that at the Royal Academy, or the Grosvenor *Antiques Fair, or any of those jolly* balls. Nor at Glyndebourne, whose absence this year has given the merry widow's minions a chance to list a very glut of musical picnic spots. I shall miss Glyndebourne, all glorious song, garden and galoshes, with the piquant bonus of a chance to wander backstage in the interval and discover some of the mechanics of the great illusion.



Top-hole: Suzanna Lorenz

The glittering chandeliers in *La Cenerentola* were, I remember, *upon closer inspection,* a triumph of fuse wire and cling film.

I hope I haven't left it too late, madam, for Garsington or Aldeburgh or Clonter Opera Farm, near Congleton, which coincides next month with the Buxton Festival. I won't make it to Castleward, just by Belfast on Strangford Lough, but this just may be the year I get to Wexford in October, quite possibly in fur-lined *Wellington boots.*

Ah, wellies. Won't do at Ascot, and neither will feathers. I tried feathers one year, all frothy and delightful. Not ostrich, I think, must have been a *bird from* even drier regions, as it would have looked sorrier than a seagull in an oil slick under the conditions prevailing that summer. It is hard to keep one's dignity underneath a suddenly-bald straw soup plate with a *ring* of wet feathers plastered to one's brow.

Oh, if only the Hat of Hats had survived. It was the Hat that Walked by Itself, a vast black sail of a thing with an *armature* to anchor it, bought for a daunting *royal occasion* and fulfilling perfectly the true requirement of a hat, namely that it render the wearer invisible. I was *ridiculously* nervous, but that hat was better than *Valium. It carried me* through the inevitable downpour and even managed to cock a snook at a crowd of workmen who shouted: "Grand titfer, love, all it needs is a *bit of guttering* round it!"

It died in the end, though. Hats do, eventually, be they never so tenderly wrapped in tissue and tucked in a hatbox on top of the wardrobe. They languish, and gradually flop. Perhaps they have souls. Deep breath, return from reverie, five minutes to closing time. God forgive me, it'll have to be the *millefeuille.* You never know, the sun might even shine.

In praise of the second

Student politics, journalism, acting, champagne and sex — this is what university is for, says **Peter Millar**

The rites of June are upon us. Never mind John Patten's nefarious designs on seven-year-olds, *this is the universities'* testing time: the annual exercise in separating sheep from goats that too often turns into a slaughter of the lambs.

Look at the statistics for Oxford alone: more than 200 attempted suicides in the past 14 years, at least 30 per cent above the national average. *The pressure of facing final* examinations leads to a rash of nervous breakdowns, particularly at Oxbridge and especially among women, who still seem to feel under greater pressure to excel.

There is nothing new about this. Evelyn Waugh, working as a prep-school teacher a few years after coming down from Hertford College, Oxford, recalled that examination nerves in his day were covered up by the affectedly languid comment. "With any luck ... I may scrape a second".

That, according to Waugh, was the standard line of any*one hoping for a first. He ad*mitted to using it, but ending up with a third. In *Brideshead Revisited*, which, even before the television adaptation, be*came the bible for those of us* searching for nostalgic Oxford role models in the depressed late 1970s, Charles Ryder's pompous cousin, Jasper, advised: "You want either a first or a fourth. There's no value in anything in between. Time spent on a good second is time thrown away."

He was only half-right. Advisedly perhaps, "gentleman's fourths" — once the refuge of the rich but stupid, macho rowers of much brawn but very little brain, and the bone idle — have long since been abolished. But a first, apparently the crowning glory on a *peerless academic career*, is for all but future dons real proof of a good time wasted.

Cousin Jasper's assertion that a "good second" was a *bad idea was based on the fact* that then, as until the 1980s, Oxford did not follow other universities' practice in awarding two categories of second-class honours degree.

A second was a second. This had the result, grossly unfair or a magnificent advantage depending on one's own results, of allowing everyone to claim they had "narrowly missed a first", even if they had closely avoided a third. "Vivas", the oral examination used to split hairs with candidates on the borderline, could, *if one ended up with a second*, be claimed to have been at the upper end of the spectrum.

The "unfair" argument was a major factor for change. An *inordinate amount* of effort is now expended on getting into the "top half" of the second-class division. This has produced an academic snobbery among those who end up with a 2:1. In Cambridge these days a 2:2 is known as "a Desmond", an oblique reference to South Africa's thereby eponymous Archbishop Desmond Tutu (actually a 2:1 divinity graduate, of King's College, London).

Dividing the second class is a preposterous distinction. Statistics show that the bulk of candidates in university finals are neither extremely brilliant nor extremely dim. A vertical graph of results narrows at top and bottom and bulges at the middle. To draw a line through the thickest point is to make the most arbitrary of distinctions. But that battle has already been lost. The point is that second-class is not necessarily second-rate.

*Even those who have man*aged the feat of leaving university with a first-class honours degree will, if only under pressure, usually agree that the most crucial factor is the sheer amount of work.

That is not to say that work alone is enough. It may be impossible, or at least extremely unlikely, for even the average student to walk away with a first simply through hard graft.

It is also, however, almost impossible for a brilliant student to do so without having *frittered away hours sitting in* libraries engrossed in a single subject while ignoring almost everything else of value that a university has to offer: student *politics, journalism, acting,* cheap champagne and sex.

This applies even to those who are initially seduced by the idea of an academic life but *never quite get the hang* of doing the work. John Betjeman, studying divinity at Magdalen, fell in love with "Balkan sobranies ... tokay *and sherry".*

This left little time for work, with an outcome that terminated his Oxford adventure at the preliminary examination *stage.* "*Failed in Divinity!,*" he lamented. His tutor had doubtful words of comfort: "You'd have only got a third."

Richard Ingrams, a founder of *Private Eye*, also got a third, and John Mortimer, the barrister, playwright and novelist, got a "war degree", which he has described as a "utility BA" with "luckily for me, no classes".

There is a certain braggadocio about admitting to a third or similar from the safe vantage point of a successful *subsequent career. Great successes* who got thirds are wont to admit it almost as freely as those who got firsts and drop the fact into every obliquely *relevant conversation.*

Martin Amis, the novelist, who boasts "a formal first, coming third in that year" paints a grim picture of the *final-year "life of a gnome"* that produced it.

"I rose at 6am, drank a good deal of coffee ['real' coffee by now], worked until 8, went into college for *breakfast*, took my seat in the college library by 8.45, worked until 1, had lunch in college, took my seat in the college library by 1.45, worked until 7, returned to the Iffley Road (where he had college *accommodation*), worked until 9, prepared for myself a Vesta Beef Curry ... (not a single item of genuine nutriment ...), returned to my desk and worked until *I am.*"

And was it worth it? The reason *most* "firsts" feel obliged to remind the world of the fact is that in later life no-one ever asks.

"Seconds", on the other hand, rarely feel obliged to justify themselves either for having slaved over textbooks to the detriment of their social lives or having done unexpectedly badly. Most undergraduates know by their third year what sort of degree they are likely to achieve, and barring *accidents or excess fulfil* their predictions. Margaret Thatcher, Clive James and Antonia Fraser got a second.

The tragedy of the modern examinee aiming for top marks as a supposed entrée into the meritocracy is a failure to understand the true value of university to young people. It was best defined by Evelyn Waugh. "It puts them *out of the way of their fellow*-citizens while they are making fools of themselves.

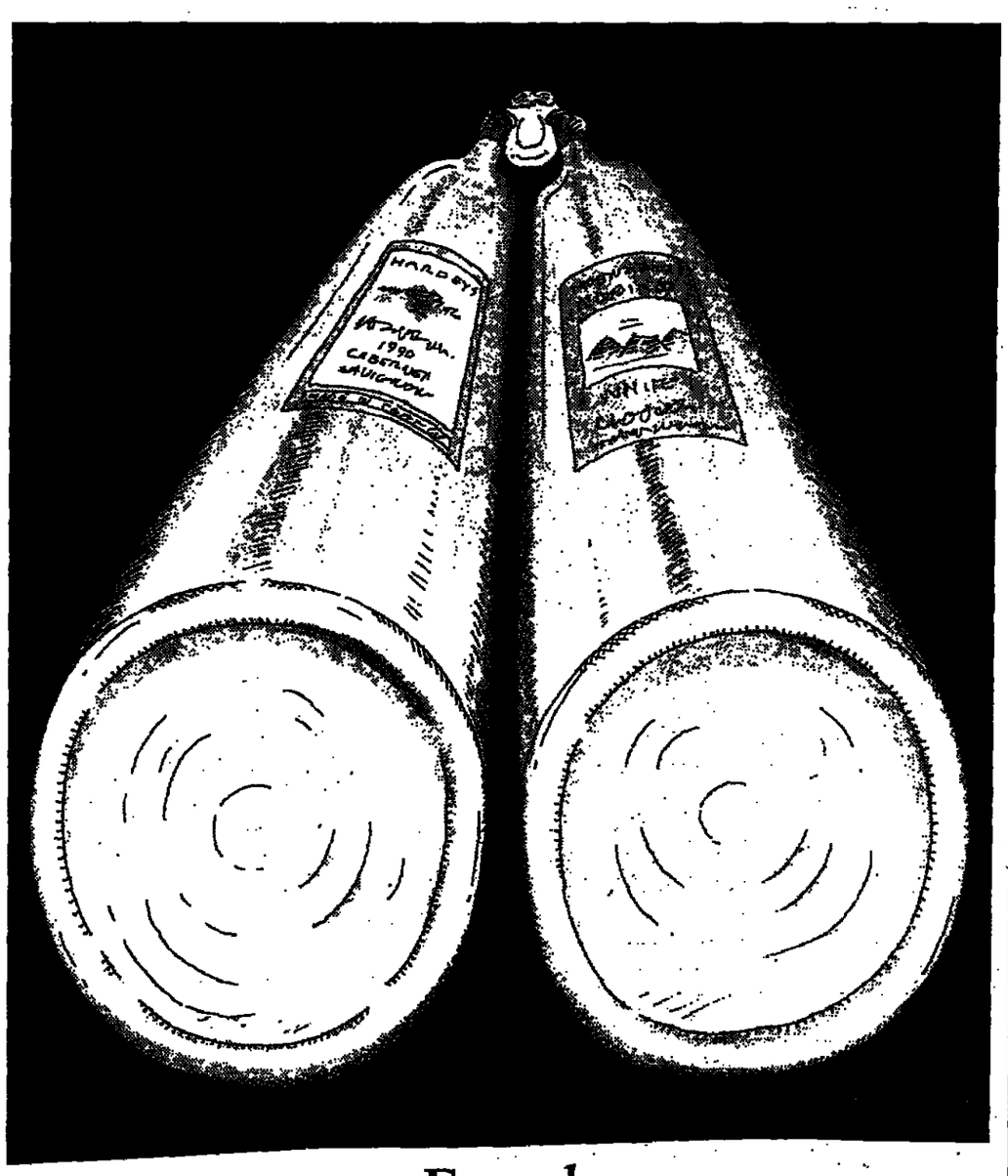
"They can learn to get drunk or not to get drunk; they can edit their own papers and air their opinions; they can learn how to give parties; they can find out, before they are too busy, what really amuses and excites them ... After that they can begin on the dreary and futile jobs that wait for most of them, with a great deal more chance of keeping their sense of humour and self-respect."

● *The author read modern and medieval languages at Magdalen. He claims he got "a good second".*

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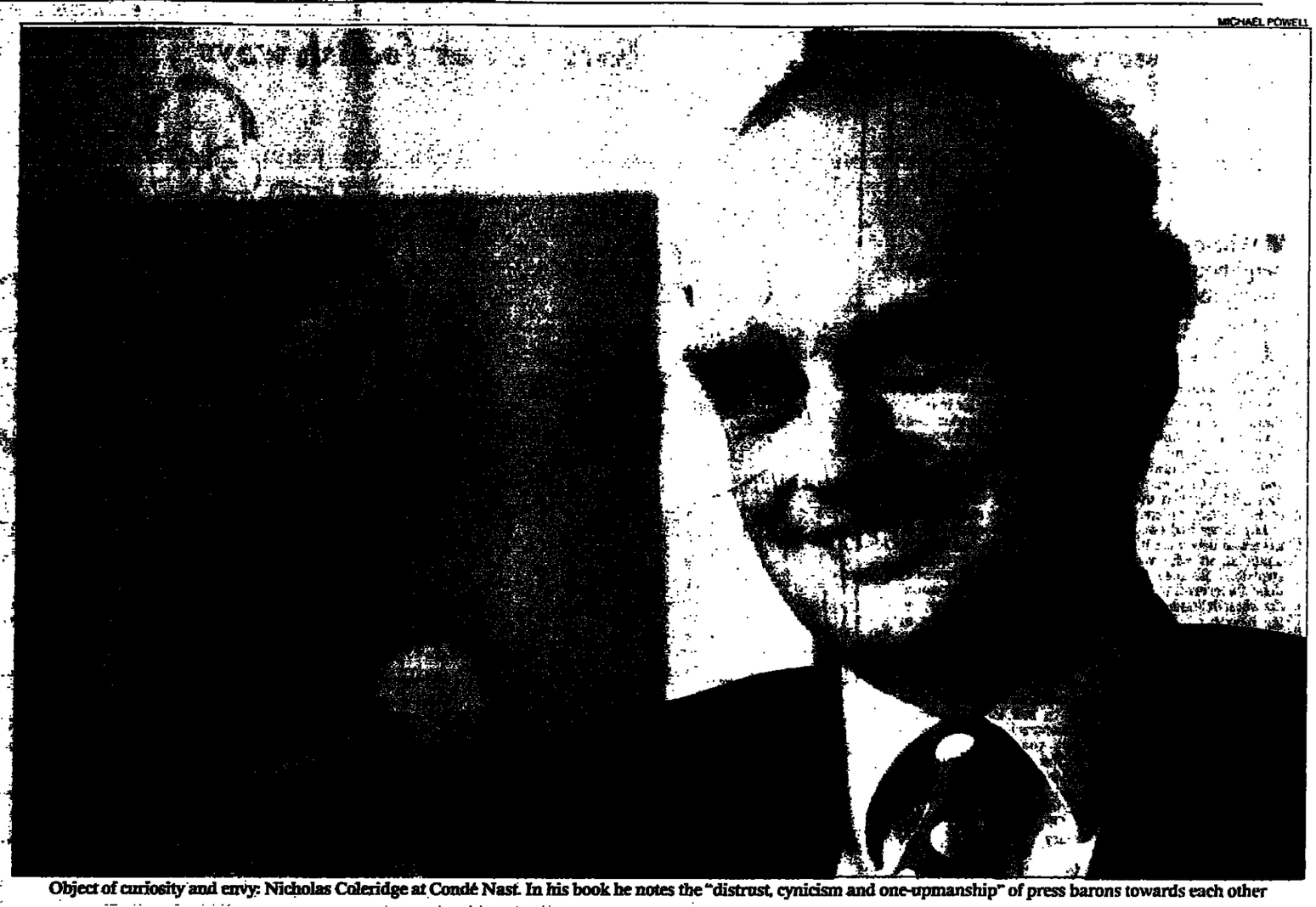
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THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



MICHAEL POWELL

Object of curiosity and envy: Nicholas Coleridge at Condé Nast. In his book he notes the "distrust, cynicism and one-upmanship" of press barons towards each other



YOU might suppose that from his lofty berth in Vogue House, where he is at 36 the managing director of Condé Nast, it might have been a smooth process for Nicholas Coleridge to ensnare 30 maverick press barons across the globe for his immensely enjoyable new book, *Paper Tigers*. But it required resources of intrigue, deviousness, flattery and the rat-like cunning which the late Nicholas Tomalin said all journalists should possess, and which Coleridge has in plenty.

His four-year pursuit of the tycoons began with the neat ploy of buying 15 shares in each of their companies. This brings him regular dividend cheques of 9p and enables him to write, apropos the Maxwell Communications crash, that "almost the only three remaining shareholders seem to have been Robert Maxwell (197,102,080 shares) Goldman Sachs (24 million shares) and the present author (15)."

Since most failed to reply to his letters, he would shrewdly write again, telling them that Kay Graham, owner of the *Washington Post*, had said his book would be worthless without their participation, adding "She also told me such an amusing story about when you were competing for the same paper in Anywheresville, Ohio — but it may just be her side of the story . . ." This worked a treat.

"Then my assistant Julia has a way of becoming incredibly close telephone friends with their PAs, and would fix London theatre tickets for them, by which time it was merely a formality that my name would appear in, say, Otis Chandler's diary."

Luckily he has always had a cavalier approach to buying air tickets, flying to Los Angeles or Hong Kong for 24 hours. Meanwhile his dramatis personae constantly changed. Asil Nadir's little empire collapsed. So did Ralph Ingersoll's. He had just seen the Fairfaxes in Australia when they sold out to Conrad Black. And Maxwell died, but not before he had advised Coleridge to drop Murdoch: "He will be out of business before your book is published. Trust me."

We sit in Coleridge's bright yellow drawing room at breakfast time, with two gas log fires ablaze.

I first met the boy Coleridge on the *Evening Standard* when he was just out of Eton, Cambridge and *Tatler*. He was sweetly deferential, despite being so clever — one novel out already — and so rich: it was said his father had "settled a million on him", so his weekly column was a hobby. He would write the glossy-magazine kind of story that involves attending a dinner party, then reporting the theme of the conversation as a sweeping new trend, labelling it The New Chastity, etc.

But he also set off to travel the world in 80 days like Phileas Fogg, managed it in two days less, wrote a hilarious book (pre-dating Michael Palin) became Young Journalist of the Year, and after that we did not see him for dust. He glided smoothly into the editorship of *Harpers* at 29, and into the managerial suite of Condé Nast at 34. This made him an object of curiosity and envy: people were slightly relieved to learn he had gout, and was fast losing his hair.

And profilists still grub for flaws or failures: he had been asked, this week, "Are you getting divorced? Why are you so obsessed by your wife? Are you vain? Is your father a cold man? Why are you so protective of him? I sense some past hurt," and so on. Alas, the Coleridge family (he is eldest of three sons) is unwracked by scandal, rebellion or misfortune. Coleridge *père*, David, former chairman of troubled Lloyd's, is now thankfully out of the public eye.

BUT Coleridge can assume a wounded air if mocked: not when Philip Norman calls him a stuck-up little twerp, but by real friends like his classmate Craig Brown, who parodied him with a spoof *Spectator* notebook about how tiresome it was to emerge from the theatre and stumble over a beggar on one's way to the Escargot. Superfluous, really, since Coleridge so often parodies himself.

In one such diary, he complained that while at a weekend house-party in Pytchley Hunt country, he and fellow guests had to cook for themselves. They had driven into Daventry with their cheque books and a simple shopping list: "A large sea bass, or brill; fennel and fresh basil; some *chèvre* and *chaume*." Naturally this fanciful foodism (hadn't they read Katharine Whitehorn's warning that cooks cannot be confident of an aubergine north of Watford?) was greeted with stupefaction by the Northamptonshire hayseeds.

"Terribly embarrassing," he chortles. "The next week, the Daventry evening paper devoted five pages to the furious reaction of local tradesmen, under the headline 'Daventry Shopkeepers Say Naff Off, Coleridge!' and the editor of the *Spectator*, Charles Moore, made things worse because when telephoned by a reporter from the Daventry paper he said 'Excuse me, but shouldn't it be pronounced *Daintry*?'."

He has been "fixated" on the glamour of glossy magazines since he was in sick bay at prep school and his mother sent him a pile of *Vogues*. He likes their smell. He likes their monthly rhythms. He likes writers. I ask about A.A. Gill, a new name in *Tatler*. "Ah! New cookery writer, very clever. My wife has just done a course at his flat above McDonald's in Kensington."

The exquisite Mrs Coleridge insists that now his book is done he must spend weekends doing fatherly things with their infant sons Alexander and Freddie. It was Georgia Metcalfe's sparkling green eyes and "an enthusiastic smile that made my heart leap" when they first met, which caused him to pursue her, by romantic subterfuges, to Jaipur — as told in his short story, "How I Met My Wife".

There have been many books about the press lords — distant, mythical figures whose influence on their journalists is widely overrated — but nobody has observed the beasts so keenly or so amusingly. Rupert Murdoch on a Sunday morning in freshly ironed jeans. The dichotomy of Conrad Black's face — the mouth sardonic and humorous, the eyes "with more than a scintilla of callousness". Coleridge is a faultless recorder of the nuances of their speech, and the often hilarious details of their lifestyles. Invited to swim in Robert Maxwell's pool he discovers a cache of swimming costumes labelled "Stout Men's" including Maxwell's vast trunks. Dean Singleton's boardroom table in Dallas is Chippendale, boasts his secretary. "It's French Riviera. Purchased from the French Riviera itself." This remark kept Coleridge in stitches throughout the flight home from Texas.

BEHIND the barons' chivalrous solidarity, he notes, lurks "distrust, cynicism and one-upmanship". He found that Murdoch was the most admired by the others, only partially explained by the fact that his vanquishing of the print unions had so enriched them all. Conrad Black's pronouncements about schmoozing sleazeballs were the most colourful and orotund: "One of his answers ran to four and a half pages, and each paragraph was like a Russian doll, with layers of complex subordinate clauses."

He does not subscribe to the view that proprietors should never contribute opinions to their papers. "I rather enjoyed Conrad Black's outburst about skirt lengths. People like a flash of maverick glamour up there."

Indeed, it puzzles him that proprietors are so reluctant to impose moral views, or even to come down from their rarefied upper floors with the hushed carpeting and extra wide corridors, to meet those who only sit and write. "Even those who claimed to like journalists rarely saw one, except their editors — which is like claiming that by lunching with William Rees-Mogg one was in touch with the shop floor."

Coleridge's Sloaney, fogeyish courtesy is so ingrained that even his waspish remarks are couched in an expression of furrowed perplexity ("I can't quite see the *point* of X—, can you?"). Mention one of his acrimonious sackings, and he nervily changes the subject. Let other pens dwell on guilt and misery. He wishes Britain could be a less careworn and morose, a more *gleeful* nation.

And he can mock himself. I had mentioned that his spelling, despite his expensive education, is atrocious; and when he later had to pass on a telephone message he left it on my windscreen: "Valary Pleeze wring hoam becoz . . ."

● *Extracts from* Paper Tigers *(Heinemann, £17.99) will appear in* The Times *on Wednesday.*

Has pop music died of old age?

Reunions are a symptom of an industry living in the past

Breaking up may be hard to do, but getting back together again, it seems, has never been easier. This week Simon and Garfunkel announced they were reforming for a series of concerts in New York next October, the latest in a long line of bands to get on the reunion roller-coaster.

Over the past year, pop icons as diverse as Velvet Underground, Madness, Cream and Lynyrd Skynyrd have all resurfaced to perform to ecstatic audiences, often too young to remember them. 10cc is touring Britain. Even Paul McCartney has hinted that the three remaining Beatles may play together again.

What induces bands, who often split up acrimoniously, to have another try? For many, the answer is obvious. "It is the soft, squashy feeling of a huge, fat packet of cash in my back pocket," said Suggs, the lead singer of Madness, when he performed in Finsbury Park last summer.

But for band members who have gone on to even more lucrative solo careers, the temptation to do the timewarp is less understandable. When Cream broke up in 1968, after a series of fist fights on stage, they were not speaking to each other. Since then, Eric Clapton has gone on to spin out a series of rock classics, such as *Layla* and *I Shot the Sheriff*. Yet when the band was invited in January to join the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame in Los Angeles, he said yes. "Playing together felt as good as we remembered," said Jack Bruce, the bassist.

According to Donald Clarke, the editor of the *Penguin Encyclopaedia of Popular Music*, the desire to reform is about far more than money. "Often the friendship between these guys goes back to when they were ten years old. They can't stay away from each other ever, whatever their differences."

'It is a sign of greed by record giants'

For many bands, the seventies revival has meant a double dose of fame. Along with the return of bell-bottoms came the sound of disco divas such as Sister Sledge. And if the original singers refused to be good sports, then "tribute bands", such as the phenomenally successful *Bjorn Again*, who impersonated Abba down to the last false eyelash, sprang up in their place.

Mr Clarke says that reunions and revivals are inevitable. "The whole pop and rock industry has been riding on the back of the baby boom for a long time. They are still the largest group of consumers and they want to listen to the kind of music they grew up with."

Audiences at reunion concerts are often a strange mix of the generations. Forty-somethings trying to relive the past sweat next to teenagers trying to find a new future for rock music. Some bands, such as the recently reformed Velvet Underground, have, like James Joyce, achieved more recognition after their demise than in their first life. Audiences going to see them now will do so in the knowledge that they are watching the artists who inspired everyone from David Bowie to Duran Duran.

Mr Clarke is delighted that the spirit of the past is being kept alive. "I feel such an old fogey when I hear that there are Paul McCartney fans who do not know he was a member of the Beatles. It's very useful for the younger generation to discover past musical values."

Jeremy J Beadle, author of *Will Pop Eat Itself?* (Faber & Faber, £7.99), disagrees. "I think that all these old guys are getting back together is very sinister. It is a sign of total laziness and greed on the part of the big record giants." He believes that pop music is grinding to an imminent halt. Number one in the British charts this week is UB40 with a reworking of *I Can't Help Falling in Love with You*, which is a reworking of the French folk song *Plaisir d'Amour*.

The problem is that popular music is, by definition, limited. "As long as a musician uses straight melodies and popular rythmns they are in the mainstream. When they become more recherché, no one will buy the records."

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■ Whatever happened to the idea of neighbourly solidarity and a good clip round the ear?

The town of Harleston in Norfolk is an unlikely setting for a lynching. So something seemed seriously amiss when two respectable men slammed a youth into the back of a van and threatened to turn him into a living torch. Duncan Bond and Mark Chapman had, they said, reached the end of their tether. An epidemic of burglaries had swept the town and they were in little doubt about who was responsible. So they took it upon themselves to sort out the worst delinquent. Hence the bloodcurdling scene in the back of the van which accomplished the intended object of scaring a teenager out of his wits.

What it also accomplished was landing Bond and Chapman in prison for five years. The courts took a serious view of their idea of impromptu justice. Although they had done no physical harm to their victim, the two men were guilty of kidnap and threatening behaviour. But given the lack of actual bodily damage, it is clear that Norwich Crown Court was expressing most concern about a principle: enforcing the law is not for amateurs. However great the frustrations of private citizens, they must not, as ponderous judges are wont to put it, take the law into their own hands.

Well no, of course not. We are not living in some frontier state in which social control is in the hands of the mob. Even when the anger of ordinary people is perfectly justified, there are obvious dangers in permitting the forces of law to look the other way while vengeance is meted out in dark corners. Even if outright anarchy did not ensue, there would be a risk that this *laissez faire* attitude might be selective: what if the law decided to turn a blind eye to racist or homophobic vigilantes?

But even granting all that, there is something not altogether unwholesome about what Bond and Chapman, who were both of previously good character, represent. Indeed, their five-year sentence has produced an impressive degree of public outrage, as well as expressions of concern from their MP, who happens to be a cabinet minister, and — most interestingly — from Alan Eastwood, the chairman of the Police Federation.

Most of the agitation has been on the grounds that what the men actually did, as opposed to what they warned they might do, was too trivial to warrant such severe punishment. But what also needs to be said is that their action harks back to what was once seen as a perfectly sound and decent instinct among adults to police their own community.

Without giving way to hopeless nostalgia, there was a time, within living memory, when very young toughs were kept in line by neighbourhood women in the first instance, and when they got too big for that, by rather heavier-handed men. A rumpus on the street used to bring a league of grown-ups out of their doors to investigate and chastise. Parents and teachers presented a pretty solid front to juvenile misbehaviour. If you got into trouble at school, the elderly will tell you now, then you hoped to God that your father would not hear about it or he would take it out of you at home as well. Parents who failed to support the community consensus about what kind of behaviour was acceptable were condemned as "a bad lot". The social sanctions for failing to keep up your responsibilities to the neighbourhood were maintained with fearsome and unquestioned self-righteousness.

Of course, those summary judgments were sometimes intolerant and frequently smallminded. But how do their limitations compare to the rank cowardice with which we live now? I have seen grown men cower behind their newspapers while pre-pubescent children marauded through a suburban railway station. On housing estates, gangs of eight and nine-year-olds reduce properties to dereliction while self-respecting adults walk past or peer out of their windows.

> Parents and teachers used to present a solid front

And, of course, these adults feel themselves to be victimised. If they intervene with the kind of force that would now be needed to put a stop to this endemic vandalism, they are likely either to be injured themselves or be had up for assault by the children's parents. When things have come to this pass, it is almost impossible for any one adult to step in. And why has it come to this? Because the children sensed long ago — probably when they were tiny and happily toddling along behind their big brothers — that there was nobody in charge. Any intrusion of authority now comes as an affront.

And their parents, who feel too beleaguered or too isolated to deal with them, throw their hands in the air. "I can't control him," they say. And neither can the school, which would be prosecuted if it laid a forceful hand on his arm. And neither can the police, because he is under age or simply because they cannot be present at every single anti-social act. In handing over responsibility for every species of misbehaviour to the agencies of the law, we are driving ourselves to desperation. And so the kind of justice which once lived confidently on every street must now huddle furtively in the back of a van.



Timed to the last tock

The latest clock is guaranteed not to lose a second in a million years — or your money back — but will the universe still exist then?

Bernard Levin

Well there is always news, if you know where to look for it. I looked for it in Washington, DC, and I was rewarded with this item, almost invisible, in a square inch of *The Times*:

> An atomic clock which its inventors say is so accurate that it will neither gain nor lose a second in a million years has been unveiled by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Now the National Institute of Standards and Technology is, as its name suggests, no place for jesters. If the N.I.S.T. says that it has come up with a clock that will not lose or gain a second in a million years, (which, you may care to know, comes out at 31,557,600,000,000 seconds if — a most remote possibility — I have got the arithmetic right), you can be sure that that is just what is the N.I.S.T. has done.

Only, you see, and I am very sorry to have to bring the thing up, they have forgotten something rather important: what happens if the man whose job it is to wind it up gets roaring drunk (say, on his wedding anniversary) and oversleeps? No doubt the N.I.S.T. would have given him an alarm-clock, but they could hardly have given him one of the not-a-second-out-in-a-million-years kind, if only because doing so for that reason would be rather tautological.

Moreover, the N.I.S.T. has more problems than that with its supertimepiece, indeed, I have to say that it is something like impudence for them to say that the clock will not be a second out in a million years, whatever it is doing now. How do they know what will be going on in the universe in a million years? More, what might time itself be doing, to confound the experts of today with the unimaginable questions of A.D. 1,001,993?

Man, in his presumption, likes time to behave itself. I have never been able to believe that there is a real connection: certainly, we must all die, and we are obviously moving through time as we approach our end, but much the same could be said of the weather, and no one has yet claimed that life is governed by it, except at the most prosaic level.

The mystery, of course, is why time cannot go backwards, what many other things can. Science fiction offers the aged the vitality to grow younger, though even science fiction has a problem, when the reversed human being seeks a mate to enter. The heavenly bodies do not reverse their motion (at least I have never heard of one doing so), but I have always thought that we are ourselves too closely to them: why should we reckon by the Moon, just because of its waxing and waning and its effect upon the tides?

Patriachal gods in the way with the planet-time we cannot step into the same river twice, but we are so hypnotised by the Greek miracle that we understandably fear to challenge anything from those unassuming sensibilities. Well, Sir Karl Popper has tried Plato into his bolthole many times, I was one of them, my friends — and I have in general found my kind of scepticism congenial) — but it feels more and more as if there is only one way out, and that is for us simply to accept the possibility that it will run out, or at least run down (irrespective of N.I.S.T. and its clock). I recall a short story by H.G. Wells, in which the earth, as I recall, was slowing down. Every time each day and night (the end of the day and night was the earth about to stop, but the sun also was dimly, its fuel giving out.

Both of these events seem far from any possible fulfilment, with not a page of the prediction to help them on their way, the universe has been left with its other parts: if every thing dies, so will the sun. After all, though the sun is huge, and its flames tremendous, it is still only a fire, and however long it takes for a fire to die down, die down it inevitably must. And the earth, to say nothing of the moon, will inevitably slow down and stop, whoever or whatever set them in motion in the first place. [Ha! Now you're sorry you wouldn't listen to the man who used to write to me at least once a month saying that he had discovered perpetual motion.]

The claim I cannot fathom at all is the one about what would happen if an astronaut went outside the solar system and spent a year going round it from the outside: the boffins say that when he came back — a year older — the people on earth would would have aged by many decades or even centuries. Please do not write to me with the solution, which I shall be quite unable to understand, but if anyone can tell me who invented minutes and seconds, and how he thought up the idea, I would be happy to learn. (I can understand days, because of the rotation of the earth, and I can accept months because everywhere the day is roughly portioned out anyway, and people might as well call its portions hours as anything else.)

Did you know that there is something called Ephemeris Time? It is not a joke, but something very important for the universe, I gather, and although I can't understand that either, it has so charming a ring to it that I wish we could change our usual kind of time for it. We could use it in a modest way, I suppose, by coming late to an appointment and as an excuse saying "Sorry, I was on Ephemeris Time".

I have always been fascinated by Leonardo's attempts to measure the speed of light: he took up his position, at dusk, on one side of a valley, and stationed an assistant on the other side. With a system of buckets and troughs which aimed as signals and measurements, he tried to pin down the elusive — and, in his cosmos — astonishing answer. Mind you, when Michelson and Morley, early in the 20th century, actually did it, they must have been as astonished as Leonardo himself would have been. But I seem to remember that there is supposed to be a contender in ancient Greece who got very close to the magic number, 186,000 miles a second.

I have remembered — as who hasn't? — the great couplet with which Pope offered Newton homage (Pope wrote it for Newton's epitaph):

> Nature, and Nature's laws lay hid in night:
> God said, *Let Newton be!* and all was light.

Unfortunately, I have also remembered — as who has? — the scandalous modern addition to the great salute, which goes:

> It could not last: the Devil, howling Ho! —
> *Let Einstein be!*, restored the status quo.

It is obvious that Shakespeare was fascinated, perhaps even obsessed, by time. Again and again he rolls the word round his mouth, his mind, even his soul. Antique time he called it, and cormorant devouring time, and sluttish time, and envious and calumniating time, and wasteful time, and the old common arbitrator time, and precious time, and the fickleness of time. He tells us that time hath a wallet at his back, that time is fashionable, that the time is out of joint, that time is the great physician, that time takes survey of all the world. If even he could not stop time, or turn time in its tracks, or change time, or demand a better time — why, what chance have we to halt the moving finger, let alone cancel half a line?

Where is the time that gnaws? I did this, I failed to do that. No, I do not weep for a new life, if I were given one I would be quite likely do the same things all over again. But a day, an hour even, to take back that word, to take that missed chance, to take that other path, to take that pain away... *Nor all thy Tears wash out a Word of it.*

And now we have a clock that they tell us will be showing the right time a million years hence, though they do not tell us what is the use of it, much less tell us what use it will be a million years hence. Will the very idea of time have disappeared? If so, those lunkies with their million-year clock will be looking pretty silly. But I am running ahead: who says that our world will exist at all, a million years hence? Certainly, by the way we are going at the moment I think the odds can't be very good, and if any cockroach is reading this, I urge it to hang on — you've got a very good chance of running the show a million years hence, and quite possibly much sooner. For:

> ...thought's the slave of life, and life's time's fool,
> And time, that takes survey of all the world,
> Must have a stop.

Not in camera - on camera

Julian Critchley calls for openness in constituencies

The corps of Tory parliamentary candidates-to-be, hand-picked by Central Office, is now the Forlorn Hopes of politics. Once fevered letter-writers to a man, they now await the call with trepidation.

The Forlorn Hopes, you will remember, were volunteers in the Civil War given the task of being the first to breach the Royalist lines. Those who survived the first onslaught, and there were not many, might gain great glory. Today, the ambitious Tory bound for Christchurch in the hope of being chosen to be the party's standard-bearer in a July by-election, has a slim chance of spoils. He may well go to the way of Newbury's Julian Davidson.

Meanwhile, the Aldershot Tories are choosing my successor to contest the seat at the general election. The party's management committee will first reduced the list of names from 50 to about 10 (the original list numbered 253); then next Wednesday comes the semi-final, from which three names will emerge, and the final choice will be made next Friday. My majority at the election was more than 19,000, and the seat has only returned Conservative MPs. When it comes to pickings few are riper than "the home of the British Army".

The choice of candidate for both seats will be made, in the first instance, by about 20 people and in the second by about 50. The final, for Aldershot at least, will be fought out away from the press before 150 or so, in a general meeting open to all paid-up members of the association.

It is a process in which the self-selected choose in secret from a list of people they have not met, supplied by Central Office. It is an odd way to run a railroad. Should not the final stage, the contest between three candidates, flanked by their spouses, be thrown open to a wider scrutiny? There was a time in the 1960s when it seemed that the "open primary" was about to be adopted as common practice by the party. Sadly, it did not take root, the excuse being that the exposure was "unfair to the candidates".

Our most famous open primary was held at Reigate in 1968. The shortlist was decided in private and from the last six (Geoffrey Howe, Chris Chataway, Peter Thomas, Anthony Meyer, David Walder and me), Howe and Chataway were picked to meet in the final which was to be filmed for Thames Television's *This Week*. I reported it for *The Sunday Times*.

The contest, which was an intriguing one, was to be decided by the votes of the paid-up members, and the champions were evenly matched. Howe had been in the House for two years and on the front bench, losing his seat in 1966; Chataway had been a minister in the Macmillan government. They were the most promising of the younger Tories. Howe right-wing, at least on economic matters, Chataway excessively moderate. They were given 20 minutes each, followed by questions, and their wives five. Six hundred people, most of them women, made up the audience. Millions watched on television.

Howe won, but only on points. He was thoughtful and his appeal to "people who care about our country and want to do something about it" was well judged. Chataway was the more sophisticated but visibly nervous. Anna Chataway was perhaps a shade too West End for the mid-Surrey middle-class, but Elspeth Howe got it right. "What politicians need is a certain sort of love," she declaimed, and there was not a dry eye in the house.

We shall be denied such pleasures at Aldershot. The winner will emerge to be introduced to a lone reporter from the local press. We shall have to take him on trust.

The author has been the Conservative MP for Aldershot since 1970.

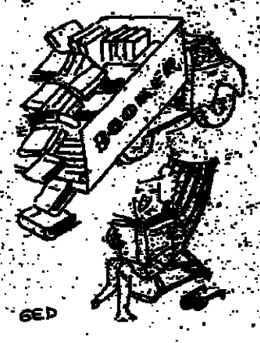
Speed-reading

LORD GOWRIE and his team of Booker Prize judges have not had the best of weeks. Under pressure from publishers, Booker has changed the rules of the prize so that each publisher can now enter more books than ever before. Not surprisingly, the already overworked judges are not happy.

The decision was made this week by the prize's management committee. The committee members felt the old rules, under which each publisher could enter only three books, meant fewer new authors were submitted. Now they have decreed that works by previously shortlisted authors will not be included in the three. For a major fiction publisher like Jonathan Cape, which has won the prize more times than any other house, the news is "fantastic". Cape publishes ten author's previously shortlisted.

For the judges, however, who have already been sent some 25 books, it is deeply unwelcome. Each year they read about 100 books; this year there could be up to 15 more. Gowrie says: "It would have been nice to know this at the start, rather than have them moving the goalposts in the middle of the game. My fellow judges are good troopers. We will grumble but oblige. It will mean getting up at 4am rather than 5am — which is quite a thought."

The new rule makes the prospect of judging the Booker a good deal less attractive, says Victoria Glendinning, who chaired last year's judging panel. "I would never do it again. It ruins the summer."



DIARY

● The Liberal Democrats traditionally go to great lengths to demonstrate their local credentials. So they must have been delighted when Diana Maddock, their candidate at Christchurch, who lives in Southampton, disclosed that she has owned a beach hut in Mudeford for years. Unfortunately for Maddock and the Lib Dems, the hut stands just a few yards the wrong side of the constituency boundary.

Charity notes

JOSE CARRERAS, the diminutive but splendid tenor, has taken a unsubtle sideswipe at the record company Decca. In July's *Harpers & Queen*, Carreras accuses Decca of a lack of charity.

The Spanish virtuoso laments Decca's failure to contribute a penny towards his International Leukaemia Foundation. The company made a fortune after selling more than 11 million copies of the famous "three tenors" concert, a charity gala dreamt up by Carreras in 1990 as part of the World Cup festivities.

Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Carreras donated their fees to charities, but Decca, which holds the recording rights, failed to enter into the spirit of things. Carreras says: "I would have liked if they had given some of them [profits] to charity as a gesture of goodwill." says Carreras.

Roger Wotton, a director of Decca, makes no apologies. He may have been right about the concert but it was a brilliant recording.

Longest serve

RONDOR'S string of successful hits is to step down after 55 years. Vincent Pollaers, 60-year-old Belgian who has been Rondor's managing director since 1978, succeeded Hamond-Smith as a result of a speech by Douglas Hurd as he left the Foreign Office brought.

From 1939 until December 1991, Hamond-Smith's management of Rondor's catalogue, including such hits as Cliff Richard's "Living Doll", received hundreds of thousands of pounds in royalties.

Pocket money

NORMAN LAMONT was not elected MP with memories of his news to phone his mother first in March 1976, when Harold Wilson suddenly stood down from No 10. Tony Benn pushed to the front in the Commons press gallery and was the first to report the news.

There was no question, of course, of Benn stepping down from Cabinet as energy secretary, but the news was so hot that he left his mother, the late Viscountess Stansgate, should know immediately. "Well, my mother had had very long political experience herself, you see. Her father was a Member of Parliament and she first went to the House of Commons in 1910," he explains.

The incident will be related on Radio 4 next month when excerpts from the diaries that Benn has dictated daily for 25 years are broadcast for the first time. "They were often made late into the night, and I remember one evening falling asleep when recording." Perhaps wisely then, the BBC have given the programme a morning slot.

● John Major has been heeding advice about the need to recapture the style that won the election 14 months ago. A Downing Street reception this week for 150 Commons secretaries and researchers was enlivened by the the appearance of his campaign secret weapon: the soap-box. All he needs now is to persuade John Smith to present another shadow budget and his problems could be over.





Feminism meets its match

Maya Angelou, the American poet and author, was in London on Wednesday to toast the women of Virago on the feminist publisher's 20th birthday. "Women are phenomenal," she told guests, before tactfully adding that "men must be too, because nature abhors imbalance." She, however, will stick with celebrating her own sex in her work. "The men can write their own poems," she announced to cheers.

However, Angelou (*left*) had courted controversy by arriving with a book under her arm. Not only was it not a Virago, it was by a man. Angelou's chosen reading was *Iced*, a first novel by actor-turned-writer Ray Shell (*right*), publication of which in the autumn is expected to cause a considerable stir. "It's the most wonderful work," purred Angelou. "Ray is a beautiful writer." As for Shell, he's already tiring of denying that his narrator, a crack addict, is autobiographical. "No way. I was on tour in the States a year or so ago with a Lloyd Webber show. It's based on what I saw."

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GOOD FOR BRITAIN

The rest of Europe should follow Britain's economic lead

If anyone still harboured doubts about Britain's departure from the European exchange-rate mechanism, yesterday's economic news should have laid them to rest. The fashionable defeatists who said that Britain would not be able to steer a sensible course without the Bundesbank's guidance have been confounded. "Made in Britain" could yet become a hallmark of quality in the making of economic policy.

While Europe sinks deeper into recession, Britain is now clearly on the road to economic recovery. While politicians in Europe tell people there is no alternative to mass unemployment as a permanent fact of life, John Major is able to say with conviction, as he did yesterday in Parliament, that the jobless level in Britain is still unacceptably high and *will* be reduced. While European leaders openly question the principle of free trade and call for market-rigging to keep out efficient Japanese producers, British industry now faces international competition with greater confidence than it has for decades. Contrasts like these suggest important lessons not only for Britain, but for the whole of Europe.

Britain has learned that, despite Norman Lamont's protestations, it is possible to "kick-start" an economy. The conditions for new jobs and economic growth can be created by cutting interest rates and maintaining a competitive pound. A low exchange rate can at times be inflationary and interest rates can be cut too far. But the threat of inflation depends on the state of the business cycle. When the economy is in recession and unemployment remains near three million, the government should continue to err on the side of lower interest rates and faster growth. It is not in recessions, but in late-cycle booms, such as the one from 1988 onwards, that governments make their worst inflationary mistakes.

The same lesson applies to the whole of Europe. European governments should realise that there is nothing inevitable about permanent mass unemployment. Unemployment is not caused by free trade and international competition. It is aggravated by rigid labour practices and other structural problems; but these are not the main causes of Europe's present jobs crisis either. The main reasons for rapidly rising unemployment in Europe today are macro-economic: excessively high interest rates, uncompetitive exchange rates and inadequate economic growth.

Europe should also acknowledge that national responsibility for monetary policies and exchange rates is perfectly compatible with the creation of a free-trading community and single market. In fact, independent national monetary policies, designed to maintain full employment, may be necessary for the single market to work.

Britain's European partners have complained bitterly about the threat to the single market posed by currency fluctuations and "competitive devaluations". But a far greater threat to free trade is the uncompetitiveness of many European industries. This is caused not only by poor management methods, but also by an obsession with keeping artificially high exchange rates, regardless of their impact on industrial costs.

If France, Germany and other European countries chose to respond to the competitive pound and the low interest rates in Britain, by cutting their own interest rates and letting their currencies float downwards, the outcome would not be a slump and a trade war, but an economic recovery and a resurgence of trade across the whole of Europe. When John Major and Kenneth Clarke go to the European summit in Copenhagen this weekend, they need not apologise for their economic successes. Instead they should urge the rest of Europe to follow Britain's lead.

HONOURS BE BLOWED

The Conservative Party should look to its members for funds

The Conservative party has been embarrassed by Asil Nadir's hefty contributions to its coffers — and subsequently his threats, made to *The Times* yesterday, to "destroy them". Norman Fowler, the party chairman, did not present a scintillating defence of Conservative Central Office's fund-raising activities before the Home Affairs Committee on Wednesday. Moralists, who believe money to be a dirty word, are having a field day. Yet the Conservative party has a far better defence than its representative expressed.

The moralists have invented a new sin for our times. They have unilaterally decided that it is now the responsibility of a political party to find out how ethical, honest, decent, truthful and "British" are the people who contribute to its funds. Newspapers, which accepted advertising from the Communist dictator of North Korea, Mr Kim Il Sung, for instance, will no doubt choose to hand back the cash. Will charities vet their donors before moral tribunals? It is surely no coincidence that the Labour party left its attack on the Tories in this affair to junior subordinates for fear of raising the shades of old "contributors" like Sir Eric Miller and Robert Maxwell.

We can also imagine how those politically correct commentators who like to hint slyly that the Conservative party is a racist organisation would react in other circumstances. If Polly Peck had not gone bust they might be heaping imprecations on the Conservatives for failing to grant honours outside a magic Anglo-Saxon circle.

It is, of course, perfectly proper that public companies should be forced to declare their political donations to shareholders whose profits are thereby diminished. But to force individuals to declare political donations is only one step away from demanding that political allegiances in a general election be publicly revealed.

Although the critics' arguments may be short on logic, Conservative Central office is much to blame for the way this scandal has got out of hand. Why should a party with such a sizeable and affluent membership be so unpopular with its constituents that it needs money from unorthodox sources? Why have companies which used to support the Conservatives, believing they would provide a good climate for business, abandoned the party in droves?

British politics comes very cheap. The cost of elections is low, there is no competition for advertising on television, party political broadcasts are statutory and funds for constituency campaigning are limited by law. Britain, in contrast to its European partners, has an enviable reputation for political probity. It would be in the long term interest of the Conservative party to show that it is competing fairly in the political market. It would be more sensible for the Tories not to rely on foreigners and a few individuals for contributions and work harder to build up its constituency.

Political parties, especially ones like the Tories that have been in office for over a decade, need to demonstrate their probity. All over Europe long established parties of the right and centre-left are failing to meet this challenge. They have brought democracy into disrepute by peddling influence to raise funds. In this climate the Tories must be above suspicion. Otherwise there is an unwelcome alternative — state funding for political parties. Mr Fowler should clean out his stable.

ABORIGINAL SIN

It is too late to prosecute Captain Cook for war crimes

As a last straw after the recession, politics and the Test match, the United Kingdom now faces prosecution for trespass and crimes against humanity. At a conference in Adelaide yesterday, the Aboriginal people of Australia threatened to bring legal action against the British government for these offences which they allege were committed against their ancestors by Captain Cook and the white settlers who came after him. Their claim arises from last year's high court ruling which overturned the original British claim that Australia was an uninhabited continent when Captain Cook landed at the lush anchorage of Botany Bay in 1770.

The gentle Aboriginals, with their old culture of the Dreaming and Song-lines, were indeed savagely treated by the white invaders, and almost wiped out, as though they were subhuman animals. Even today they can still be treated with racial contempt, and Australians have been slower to recognise the dignity and humanity of their Aboriginal inhabitants than New Zealanders and Americans. But time must impose a statute of limitations on historical crimes, even though there is not such cut-off point for the Nuremberg offence of war crime.

Mercifully, there is no prosecuting angel to conduct a continuous post-mortem on the law reports of history to put right the sins of the past. History is simply a hard kernel of contemporary prejudice surrounded by a soft pulp of disputable facts. For good or ill (mostly good) Columbus discovered the New World, but there is no future in blaming him for his crime, or mistake, now.

Some people, such as Armenians, Kurds, Aztecs and other Amerindians, may feel that they have been dealt a raw deal by the past. But all nations can make such claims. Because they have a long written history, the aboriginal Britons, if they can be identified in some Celtic enclave, can claim an impressive list of war crimes and genocide committed against them by waves of Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, Normans, and trespass by immigrants from all over the world, the latest being the English with holiday cottages. The original crime that started history off on its bloody but glorious path was either the expulsion of Man's original parents from the Garden of Eden, or some other less well-recorded prehistoric tribal migration.

Captain Cook himself recognised that his new-found Arcadia was inhabited. He wrote in his journal that the natives might appear to be the most wretched people upon Earth, but in reality they were far happier than Europeans, being wholly unacquainted not only with the superfluous but the necessary. And nine years later, the great explorer paid for any crimes he had committed by his death in Hawaii at the hands of the natives. There comes a stage when the past has to be left to bury the past. All ephemeral mortals can do in their brief span is to try to avoid repeating the mistakes and crimes of history, while committing their own.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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No 'fast track' for Lloyd's litigation

From the Honourable Mr Justice Saville

Sir, You reported on June 2 that five extra High Court judges had been called in to deal with "an avalanche of litigation" following the heavy losses in the Lloyd's insurance market. On June 14 you repeated this in a leading article. The statement is incorrect.

I am the judge in charge of the Commercial Court and as such I am responsible for dealing with High Court commercial litigation, including that concerning Lloyd's. Last year I expressed great anxiety that shortage of judges was adversely affecting the worldwide high reputation of the Commercial Court.

However, the Lord Chancellor announced that he would seek an increase in the number of High Court judges (report, March 6), which in my view will enable the Commercial Court to function properly.

These new appointments are not being made to deal with the Lloyd's cases but with the general shortage of judges in the High Court as a whole. There is and can be no question of appointing or calling in additional judges for the Lloyd's cases. To do so would be unfair to other litigants who have an equal right to the court's time.

As part of the service offered by the Commercial Court to those with commercial disputes, I have arranged a meeting at which I can discuss informally with the legal representatives of the parties concerned how best we can deal with the Lloyd's cases, so as to resolve them with the minimum of delay and cost, without "fast-tracking" them to the disadvantage of other users of the court.

The Commercial Court is continually trying to improve its service to its users and spends considerable time discussing with them how best this can be achieved. I am confident that, now that the government has addressed the problem that so concerned me last year, the Commercial Court can continue to provide the best commercial disputes resolution service in the world.

Yours faithfully,
MARK SAVILLE,
Royal Courts of Justice,
Strand, WC2.
June 16.

A social strategy to protect the poor

From Mrs Hermione Parker

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("This Lilley-livered letter", June 12) asks for a national debate on social reform. Several post-Beveridge strategies exist, but only one would protect those on low income without locking them into welfare dependency. Called "citizen's income", it is a direct descendant of Sir Edward Heath's tax credit proposals of 1972. It waits in the wings for any government with the guts and open-mindedness to think laterally.

The leak about invalidity benefit (report, June 11) highlights design weakness in the Beveridge approach to social security. So long as government pays people to be sick, or unemployed, or poor — and clobbers them as soon as they try to get back into work — social security expenditure is bound to escalate. When Beveridge wrote his plan he assumed full employment, but in today's labour market there are few opportunities for people with disabilities or low skills.

Beveridge took for granted that the lower-paid would be exempt from tax (except for 25p a week national insurance contribution). Today the bottom fifth of the population pay a higher percentage of their incomes in tax than the top fifth. If tax were levied according to ability to pay, far fewer people would need benefit.

Beveridge also emphasised the importance of voluntary savings, but for small savings to be worthwhile dependence on means-tested benefits must be reduced — otherwise, small savers merely disqualify themselves from benefit, a problem alluded to by the general secretary of the National Conference of Friendly Societies (letter, June 10).

Those flaws explain the growing support for a citizen's income, which would guarantee every legal resident a small tax-free income — either as a cash benefit or a deduction against income tax. Everyone would get this income, whether in paid work or not, and it would be withdrawn from those who did not need it through an integrated income tax. Instead of being locked into inactivity, people with disabilities would be able to use it as a platform on which to build through paid work, each according to his or her abilities.

Will the politicians look at citizen's income? In theory the Liberal Democrats have already accepted a modified version, but lacked the courage in last year's general election to tell the voters. The Labour party's Commission on Social Justice is interested, but the trade unions say it would subsidise low wages.

Most extraordinary of all is the attitude of the Conservative party, which took office in 1979 pledged to introduce tax credits but dropped the idea in favour of a residual (or means-tested) welfare state.

Certainly, the Lilley-Portillo review will not do. Instead of using recession as an excuse for speeding up the transition towards a residual welfare state, the prime minister should initiate a public review of taxation as well as benefits — maybe a royal commission. At present, ordinary people are getting desperate. Nothing is safe any more — even their pensions — so they can no longer plan their futures.

Yours etc,
HERMIONE PARKER
(Editor, *Citizen's Income Bulletin*),
Citizen's Income Study Centre,
St Philips Building,
Sheffield Street, WC2.
June 14.

From Mr Antony Weston

Sir, You report (June 12) Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, as saying of invalidity benefit: "It is not obvious to people why there should be two or three times as many people claiming benefit as there were ten or fifteen years ago, at a time when people's health has been improving and not getting worse."

Invalidity benefit is intended for long-term sickness and it would be expected that many of the 600,000 people claiming it in 1978-9 would still be claiming in 1993-4. Some of these would be among the 1,500,000 people claiming the benefit today, along with about 60,000 net new claimants every year since 1978-9.

It appears quite clear how the numbers of claimants can continue to increase when one remembers that some people may be claiming for more than 40 years.

Yours faithfully,
TONY WESTON,
8 Clarence Street, Richmond, Surrey.

Inroads into the West Country

From the Director of the Council for the Protection of Rural England

Sir, Oxford is not the only area affected by bypass plans (Lord Bullock's letter, June 10). South-west England is being assailed by roads: the A36 Salisbury bypass, the A46-A36 Batheaston and Bradford-on-Avon bypasses, the A303 at Stonehenge and the A38 second Tamar crossing are just some examples.

All these are part of much bigger schemes, forming strategic routes to the south-west, yet none of the environment assessments by the Department of Transport have addressed the wider impact of such routes on development patterns and thereby on the environment.

While this road-building is being proposed, the future of the region's railway network is uncertain. Will there be an effective railfreight and passenger system in the future or will we become ever more dependent on heavy lorries and cars (and thus on improved roads) to move our goods and people around?

Two years ago the government agreed, in response to its own expert advisory committee, to experiment with the concept of strategic environmental assessments for major road proposals. None have been carried out. The situation is now urgent in the south-west. Will John MacGregor recognise the real public anxiety that exists and grasp this nettle?

Yours faithfully,
FIONA REYNOLDS,
Director, Council for the Protection of Rural England,
25 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1.
June 15.

Bypass benefits Oxford

From Councillor Mrs Janet Todd

Sir, Lord Bullock says the north Oxford bypass is "ostensibly designed to relieve traffic congestion", thus giving a wrong impression.

This bypass has been demanded by people in the area for nearly 30 years. It has been supported for most of that time by both the county and city councils. It first appeared in the ministry programme in 1978.

The A40 trunk road to Fishguard runs through north Oxford. It has a serious accident rate, particularly at the Banbury Road roundabout. It holds up traffic coming into and leaving Oxford and creates a tail of traffic more than a mile long at peak periods on the Banbury and Woodstock roads.

When at last the route was published this year most residents were overjoyed. At the recent local elections I retained my seat on the county council, winning the ward which is bisected by the road with a comfortable majority. I made my support of the road abundantly clear.

We are now looking to a public enquiry to vindicate us. The bypass will remove 75 per cent of the traffic running through the ward. It will not run "for much of the way on a nine-metres-high embankment": only the portion which crosses the railway and the Kidlington road will be so raised. The rest of the road, where it might have been visually intrusive to houses, will be one to four metres high.

The Liberals have been to the fore in advocating the closest links with the Common Market. These links mean improved roads from the ports. The towns on the way must be bypassed, and the sooner the better.

Yours faithfully,
JANET TODD,
Foxton Lodge, Foxton Close, Oxford.

Righting the balance

From Mr S. C. Dexter

Sir, I think Peter Millar ("Oh, for a place in the sun", June 9) has spent too much time in our "great" capital and not enough time in some of our other cities — specifically Birmingham, which he briefly links with London in his article about Britain's café society.

Birmingham still has some way to go before it catches up with its continental "twins", namely Frankfurt, Lyon and Milan, but is still streets ahead of London.

Birmingham is now a city of wonderful squares, modern and Victorian. It is full of a sense of civic pride, which seems to have disappeared in London.

Yours faithfully,
S. C. DEXTER,
2 Wenlock, Glascote,
Tamworth, Staffordshire.
June 9.

Perils of pop

From Mr Alan Symons

Sir, Elton John, who stormed out of Israel after claiming that his safety was threatened by over-zealous media attention (report, June 16), might care to reflect that during Mrs Golda Meir's premiership the Beatles were due to visit Israel for a sell-out concert. They were refused permission as Israel was concerned about their safety.

Mrs Meir's comment, as reported at the time, was: "The Beatles? Beatles we can do without".

Yours faithfully,
ALAN SYMONS,
30 Chichester Close, Oak Avenue,
Hampton, Middlesex.
June 17.

Names' losses

From the Chairman of the Lime Street Action Group

Sir, It must be accepted that the letter from the Reverend K. I. Hobbs (June 7), questioning the term "meagre" as appropriate to the Lloyd's settlement figure, was written without rancour. It is, however, obvious that it was also written without any understanding of the circumstances surrounding distressed names at Lloyd's.

The £14,000 figure mentioned by Mr Hobbs is the joint income which the members' hardship committee will permit a married couple to retain — a spouse's income is taken into account, whether or not he/she wished to participate in underwriting. Professional advice is that the terms currently proposed by the committee, in spite of recent improvements, can be more onerous than bankruptcy.

It is true that names did not have to join Lloyd's (is any investment compulsory?), but they were encouraged to do so by an active recruitment drive. They knew insurance to be a risky business, but they had no inkling of the LMX reinsurance spiral, and still less did they wish to be involved in that type of business.

They are also now appalled to learn that, while Lloyd's has avoided regulation under the Financial Services Act, through its own particular self-regulating status, it claims to have no duty of care to its members in respect of that self-regulation.

Names who have faced losses for four years, and have dutifully paid up cash calls until their entire life's savings have been consumed, deserve more sympathy than Mr Hobbs appears willing to allow.

Yours faithfully,
MARIE-LOUISE BURROWS,
Chairman, Lime Street Action Group,
4 Courtyard House,
27a Farm Street, W1.

Tax reforms to close the PSBR gap

From Mr Adrian Cosker

Sir, Kenneth Clarke has still not made up his mind whether to tackle the government's £50 billion PSBR problem through spending cuts or tax increases. Perhaps he should take into account Britain's balance of trade and also realise that trimming money from public spending, so as to keep income tax at its current level, would mean reducing the amounts given to people and projects that create demand, mainly for domestically produced goods, in order to maintain the purchasing power of relatively prosperous individuals, whose propensity to spend on imported goods is much greater.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN COSKER
(Head of economics),
The Knights Templar School,
Park Street, Baldock, Hertfordshire.
June 16.

From Professor A. P. Thirlwall

Sir, In the discussion on the size of the UK's budget deficit and how to reduce it, it would be a great mistake either to raise taxes or to reduce expenditure by themselves, let alone together. This would delay economic recovery and increase the deficit farther.

The solution to both recession and the size of the deficit is to have a balanced expansion of both expenditure and taxation. This would be expansionary and reduce the deficit. For maximum effect, and on the grounds of equity, the increased taxation should be on the rich, not on the poor.

Yours sincerely,
A. P. THIRLWALL,
Keynes College, The University,
Canterbury, Kent.
June 15.

From Mr William Deller

Sir, A significant aspect of public expenditure, and the associated tax burden, is its contribution to the unemployment problem. About three million healthy able-bodied men and women in Britain would like to work but cannot, to a large extent because the burden of taxation necessitated by the level of public-sector expenditure makes it impossible for them to find work.

The only way to deal with this central political issue, and allow the unemployed to work, is to reduce the tax burden, not find ingenious ways to increase it. This is the real tax revolution that is desperately needed.

Yours faithfully,
W. B. DELLER,
42 Surley Row, Caversham,
Reading, Berkshire.
June 15.

From Mr Sydney Shenton

Sir, Sight of the trireme anchored off the Palace of Westminster (photograph, June 17) should be a reminder of the example of the city states of Greece. When these founders of our democracy and so many of our classical values were in trouble they called upon the rich.

No one advocates tax and spend, and economies and greater efficiency in the distribution of welfare benefits are essential; but an increase in the level of tax upon the very highly paid, which would include the still prevalent boardroom piracy, would be both fincially prudent and politically and socially beneficial.

Sincerely,
SYDNEY SHENTON,
95 The Crescent, Davenport,
Stockport, Cheshire.
June 17.

Jobs for the boys?

From Lord Denham

Sir, In his letter (June 16) about Monday's complete list of government, Mr R. T. M. Ahern asks whether the fact that of the 110 names listed no fewer than 24 come from the Lords is "a reflection of how the prime minister thinks a classless society is structured". In fact, there is one fewer: I think he must have counted Lord James Douglas-Hamilton in the wrong House. Nine of the 23 — the Lord Chancellor, the Leader of the Lords and the seven whips — can only be selected from the Upper House.

This leaves 14 departmental ministers in the Lords (against 88 in the Commons) to do the work of 18 departments, which, as all government business has to be carried through both Houses alike, is a modest enough ratio.

On the other hand, since each peer on the list seems to be expected to be capable of handling the same volume of parliamentary work as 6,286 of his Commons colleagues, perhaps it may have some bearing on the classless society after all.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
DENHAM
(Government Chief Whip, House of Lords, 1979-91),
House of Lords.

From Mr R. I. Wells

Sir, Mr Ahern questions the employability of over 200 Tory MPs. I think he has rather missed the point. The purpose of the backbench MP is to line up behind whichever leader is, at any time, about to mount a Charge of the Lightweight Brigade.

The purpose of the members of government who sit in the House of Lords is to ensure that they are around to pick up the pieces. It's called "ensuring continuity": a central, and totally laudable, tenet of Conservatism which Mr Major has obviously recognised, albeit belatedly.

Yours faithfully,
R. I. WELLS,
191 Chingford Mount Road, E4.

Fish prosecution

From the Director General of the RSPCA

Sir, Your editorial comment (June 11) on the RSPCA's prosecution of Mr David Sharod, an electrician who, in our view, deserted his tropical fish, describes the society's prosecution as "vexatious litigation".

Forgetting the technical error in the expression, this allegation is unfounded. The court studied the full facts and the background of the case but did not criticise the RSPCA for bringing the prosecution, nor did it award costs against the society.

The society prosecuted Mr Sharod on the basis of strong veterinary evidence that the fish were likely to suffer. In these circumstances the society decided that it was unacceptable to leave the fish in the conditions in which they were found, and felt that its only choice was to commence a prosecution.

Yours faithfully,
PETER DAVIES,
Director General,
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,
Causeway, Horsham, West Sussex.

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COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
June 17: The Queen, with the Duke of Edinburgh, honoured Ascot Races with her presence today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 17: The Princess of Wales today visited Cambridge and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, International Spinal Research Trust, this morning visited the Departments of Physiology and Anatomy at Cambridge University.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, British Lung Foundation, this afternoon visited the Respiratory Support and Sleep Centre, Papworth Hospital, Papworth Everard.

Her Royal Highness afterwards opened the Papworth Trust's Disability Resource Centre at Papworth Everard.

Captain Edward Musto RM was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 17: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Notting Hill Housing Trust, this morning visited the head office at Paddenswick Road, London, W6, and, subsequently, visited an area office at Gayford Road, London, W12.

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness, Honorary Freeman, the Worshipful Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers, visited the company's tercentenary exhibition at Saddler's Hall, 40, Gutter Lane, London EC2.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 17: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, United Response, this morning visited the Pictureframer Project, the Miller's Yard, Gilleygate, York, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for North Yorkshire (Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt). Her Royal Highness then visited the University of York, Hestington, York.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon attended a choral evensong service at Selby Abbey, Selby, and later opened the communal lounge at the Walker Barstow Home, Bishopthorpe Road, York, North Yorkshire.

Mrs Peter Troughton and Miss Helen Tughan were in attendance.

The Duke of Kent, Royal Fellow, this evening attended the Summer Exhibition and Soirée at the Royal Society, 6, Carlton House Terrace, London SW1.

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr Michael Blakemore, freelance director, 65; Lord Broughshane, 90; Mr Ian Carmichael, actor, 73; Mr Carl de Winter, former secretary general, Federation of British Artists, 59; Mr Bob Duncan, governor, Wakefield prison, 53; Mr Paul Eddington, actor, 66; Miss Patricia Hutchinson, diplomat, 67; Mr Roy Jackson, former assistant general secretary, TUC, 65; General Sir Brian Kenny, 59; Sir Dennis Landau, chief executive, Co-operative Wholesale Society, 66; Mr Paul McCartney, former Beatle, 51; Mr Llewellyn Rees, actor and theatre administrator, 92; Miss Delia Smith, cookery writer and broadcaster, 52.

Institute of Petroleum

At the Annual General Meeting of the Institute of Petroleum held in London on June 15, Awards of Council were presented to Dr Charles Binns, Mr Reg Clay and Mr Ieuan Thomas. Mr Charles Smith was re-elected as President. Mr Ian Fotheringham as Honorary Secretary and Mr Robin McLean as Honorary Treasurer.

Meeting

Sternberg Centre for Judaism
Herr Ignatz Bubis, President of the German Jewish Community, was the speaker at a meeting held yesterday at the Sternberg Centre for Judaism. Sir Sigmund Sternberg presided and Mrs Ruth Cohen also spoke.

Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward, as Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, will attend a luncheon in support of the award at the De Vere hotel, Swindon, at 12.15; will visit participants of the award at the Superbowl, Shaw Ridge Leisure Park, at 1.45; will visit Harveys Wine Museum and attend a tea at 12 Denmark Street, Bristol, at 3.30, in aid of the award; and will attend the Challenge at Work reception at Leigh Court, Abbotsleigh, Bristol, at 7.00 to mark the 21st anniversary of the Avon Industrial Project.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, will attend the conference on deaf-blindness at Mid-Glamorgan County Hall, Cardiff, at 10.30; and as President of the Missions to Seamen, will open the Flying Angel Centre, Cargo Road, Cardiff Docks, at 11.55.

The Duchess of Gloucester will visit the Junior School of the Study Preparatory School at Wilberforce House, Camp Road, Wimbledon Common, at 11.00 to mark the school's centenary; and will attend a concert at Hampton Court Palace at 7.55 in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Gray's Inn

Sir Nicholas Wall has been elected a Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn.

Reception

Royal Fine Art Commission and *The Sunday Times*
The Speaker presented the awards and certificates to the winners and the commended schemes of the Royal Fine Art Commission — *Sunday Times* Building of the Year Award 1993 at a reception held yesterday at the Old Fishmarket, Billingsgate. She was received by Lord St John of Fawsley, Chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission, and Mr Andrew Neil, Editor of *The Sunday Times*. Members of the Diplomatic Corps and members of both Houses of Parliament attended. Lord St John and Mr Neil were the hosts at a private dinner held afterwards. The Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University and Lady Williams and Lord Palumbo were among the guests.

Dinners

Chartered Surveyors' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a ladies Summer dinner of the Chartered Surveyors' Company held last night at Clothworkers' Hall. Mr Timothy J.L. Roberton, Master, presided and welcomed the guests with Mr Anthony Gordon-James, Senior Warden, and Sir Brian Hill, Junior Warden, and their ladies. The Lord Mayor and the Master of the Clothworkers' Company also spoke. Among others present were:
The Master and Clerk of Coopers' Company, the Master of the Chartered Architects' Company, the Clerk of the Clothworkers' Company, the President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the Officer Commanding 135 Independent Topographic Squadron RE (V) and the Commanding Officer of HMS Herald and their ladies.

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Hurd and Cabinet Ministers were hosts yesterday at a dinner held in the Durbar Court, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, to mark The Queen's Official Birthday. Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Acting High Commissioners and Charges d'Affaires were among the guests.

Middle Temple
The Treasurer of the Middle Temple, Judge Kenneth Richardson, QC, and the Masters of the Bench gave a dinner in Hall last night, it being the Grand Day of Trinity Term. Among those present were:
Lady Russell of Killowen, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton (treasurer, Lincoln's Inn), Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Mr Kenneth Clarke, MP, Sir John May (treasurer, Inner Temple), Mr Justice Vinelott (treasurer, Gray's Inn), the Hon Victoria Glendinning, Sir Alexander Graham, Admiral Sir Gordon Tait, Brigadier Paul Orchard-Lisle, Professor Edward Hall, Miss Sue MacGregor, Miss Kate Adie, Dr John Roberts, Mr Garry Weston, Mr D W Swarbrick, Mr Harvey White, Mrs Patricia Hill and Rear-Admiral J R Hill (under treasurer).

Service reunion

Indian Army Association
The annual reunion of the Indian Army Association was held yesterday at the Hurlingham Club. Captain Sir Charles Brossard, president, received the guests.

Appointment

Richard Ralph to be ambassador to Latvia in succession to Richard Samuel who is retiring. Mr Ralph is a Counsellor at the British Embassy in Washington.

GLIVE POSTLETHWAITE



Worldly wise: Julia Kurotchinka, 18, from Moscow, the current Miss World, sits in gown and mortarboard outside the Oxford Union Society before last night's debate in which she proposed, in fluent English, the motion that "This house would exploit its assets". Supporting her was Jerry Hall, model and wife of Mick Jagger; opposing were Mike Maloney, *Daily Mirror* photographer, and Yvonne Roberts, feminist writer

Service dinners

RN College Greenwich
Vice-Admiral Sir Michael Layard, Second Sea Lord, Chief of Naval Personnel and Admiral President of the Royal Naval College Greenwich, was the guest of honour at a mess guest night dinner held last night at the college.

Royal Army Medical Corps
Major General F.B. Mayes QHS the Director General of the Army Medical Services together with 89 officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps assembled for their Annual Dinner on June 17, 1993, at the Royal Army Medical Corps Headquarter Officers Mess, Millbank.

Luncheon

Consular Corps of London
Mr R. Drummond, Head of Section for Nigeria and Central Africa at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the Consular Corps of London held yesterday at the Britannia Hotel.

Marriages

Mr R.J. Salter and Miss A.D. Van der Breck de Vater
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 12, at St Edward's Church, Stow-on-the-Wold, between Mr James Salter, son of the late Mr Richard Salter and of Mrs Robin Horley, and Miss Annabel Van der Breck de Vater, daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Van der Breck de Vater. The Rev F. Rothery officiated, assisted by Canon John Oates.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Anna Franklyn, Charles and Emily Reynolds, Harry and Sophie Tabor, and Daisy Casement. Mr Alexander Simm was best man.

A reception was held at Wyck Hill House, and the honeymoon is being spent in the Caribbean.

Mr L.E. Steinschaden-Silver and Mrs S.M. Hibbert
The marriage took place in Ringwood on Wednesday, June 2, of Mr Edwin Steinschaden-Silver, of Melbourne, Australia, to Mrs Margaret Hibbert, of Hangersley, Ringwood, Hampshire.

Mr A.J. Waltham and Miss S.J. Partridge
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 12, at St Peter's Church, Empingham, Rutland, between Mr Anthony Waltham, son of Mr and Mrs Donald Waltham, of Fleet, Lincolnshire, and Miss Sophia Partridge, daughter of Mr John Partridge, of Empingham and the Hon Mrs Caroline Partridge, of Scarsdale Villas, London, W8. The Rev Norman Rom officiated, assisted by the Right Rev Paul Burrough and the Rev David Brailsy.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Charlotte, Annabel and Lucy Partridge.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.W. Ashworth and Miss A.J. Skelly
The engagement is announced between Martin, elder son of Mr W. and Dr L.B. Ashworth, of Barrowford, Lancashire, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Tom Skelly, of Longstanton, Cambridge, and Berwick-upon-Tweed.

The Marquis de Brissac and The Countess L. Széchényi
The engagement is announced between Charles-André, eldest son of the Duc and Duchesse de Brissac, of France, and Larissa, younger daughter of Count and Countess Francis Széchényi, of Vienna.

Captain A.F.R. Clarisp and Miss C.E. Bayne
The engagement is announced between Captain Harry Clarisp, The Light Dragoons, son of Mr and Mrs H.J.M. Clarisp, of Longbank Farm, Alnwick, Northumberland, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Bayne, of Petersham, Surrey.

Mr J.P.A. Cross and Miss A.J. Usborne
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Denis Cross, of Wandsworth Common, London, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barnaby Usborne, of Lee Common, Buckinghamshire.

Mr G.D.J. Froud and Miss C.E. Virr
The engagement is announced between Guy, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Froud, of Lexden, Colchester, Essex, and Katie, daughter of Mr John Virr and Mrs Sheila Virr, of Ab Lench, near Evesham, Worcestershire.

Mr R.L. Godwin, Jr. and Miss E.C.M. Cederwell
The engagement is announced between Ralph, son of Mr and Mrs Ralph L. Godwin, of Wilmington, North Carolina, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael J. Cederwell, of Kensington, London.

Mr D.N. Gunn and Miss C.H.L. Barr-Sim
The engagement is announced between David Niall, son of Dr and Mrs Graham Gunn, of Gairloch, Wester Ross, and Caroline Helen Lloyd, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Barr-Sim, of Ettrickbridge, Selkirk, formerly of Henham, near Bishop's Stortford.

Mr J. Parsons and Miss R.N.F. Turner
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Parsons, of Bromley, Kent, and Rosemary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Turner, of Swanland, East Yorkshire.

Mr E. Manley and Miss V. Wragg
The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr Bruce Manley, of Bacton, Herefordshire, and Mrs Alison Dudley Ward, of London, and Victoria, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Albert Wragg, of West Leake, Leicestershire.

Mr D.C. Prince and The Hon R.A. Jeffreys
The engagement is announced between Dominic, elder son of the late Mr John Prince and of Mrs John Prince, of Chipping Warden, Oxfordshire, and Rose, younger daughter of the late Lord Jeffreys and of Mrs Sarah Clarke, of Foxhill House, Hawling, Gloucestershire.

Mr W.P. Rollason and Miss S.A. Thomas
The engagement is announced between William Peter, only son of Mr Frederick Rollason and Mrs Frances Rollason, both of London, and Sarah Ann, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Thomas, of Bishopsteignton, Devon.

Dr A.J. Schofield and Miss S.D.M. Kidd
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Dr and Mrs John Schofield, of Reigate, Surrey, and Sally, eldest daughter of Mrs Elspeth Howell and Mr Brian Kidd, of Bromley, Kent.

Mr A.S.M. Skrzypecki and Ms L.S. Webb
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs Emil Skrzypecki, of Reigate, Surrey, and Lynn, daughter of Mrs Margaret Webb and the late Mr Albert Webb, of Leicester.

Mr S.P. Wakeman and Miss Y.S.F. Jaffrey
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Wakeman, of Hampton Magna, Warwick, and Yasmeen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ibne A. Jaffrey, of Beech Close, Normanton-on-the-Wolds, Nottingham.

Mr J.S. Williams and Miss J.M. Brenham
Mr and Mrs Paul Brenham, of Hitchin, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Jane, to John, son of Mr and Mrs Albert Williams, of Winchester.

Dr A.S.P. Wilson and Miss J.M. Hedges
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of the late Stuart Wilson and of Mrs Ann Wilson, of Wimbledon, London, and Jean, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Hedges, of Gillingham, Dorset.

Service luncheons

Lord Rees, QC
Lord Rees, QC, and Baroness Brigstocke yesterday entertained the Rajputana Rifles Reunion Association at luncheon at the House of Lords. Major-General D.C. Misra, Rajmata Gayatri Devi of Jaipur and Princess Mukunda Kumari of Nawanagar were the guests of honour. Major E.K. Rawson-Gardiner presided.

Indian Grenadiers
Captain Sir Charles and Lady Frossard were the guests of honour at the annual luncheon of the Indian Grenadiers Regimental Association held yesterday at the Duke of York's Headquarters Mess. Major J. Mottram presided.

2nd Punjab Regiment
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Derek Millman presided at the annual luncheon of the 2nd Punjab Regiment Officers' Association held yesterday at the Hurlingham Club.

8th Punjab Regiment
Major T.J.G. Elias presided at the annual reunion luncheon of the 8th Punjab Regimental Association held yesterday at the RAF Club.

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BIRTHS

BAIN – On 11th June 1993 at Queen Charlotte's, to Margaret (née Campbell) and Christopher, a second son, Hamish David Campbell.

BAXTER – On June 14th 1993 to Ayge (née Bayraktar) and Peter, a daughter, Lindsay, a sister for Emily.

BROWN – On June 7th in Sheffield, to Sarah (née Hunter) and Peter, a daughter, Jessica Mary Beatrice, a sister for William.

CHECKETTS – To Simon and Clare (née Beagley), a son, Dominic John Herrick on 11th June, a brother for James.

CHRISTIE – On 17th June at Queen Charlotte's, to Jan (née Holmes-Smith) and John, a daughter, Florence Rose, a sister for Daisy.

COOK – On June 15th 1993, to Oonagh (née Donagher) and Ian, a son, William Edward.

FOSTER – On June 11th 1993, to Caroline (née Mocatta) and Scott, a son, Samuel Edward Abrahams. Brother for Toby, second grandson for Annis and Monty Foster & Naomi and John Mocatta.

GRANT – *David and Georgia* announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter, Ella, born 16th June 1993.

HEWETT – On June 11th, to Christine (née Lenton) and Peter, a daughter, Emily Margaret Rose, a sister for Christopher.

JOHNSTONE – On 18th May, to Catherine and Mark, a daughter, Lucy Anna, a sister for Andrew and Alexandra.

STREETEN – On 13th June, to Shiol (née Mynors) and Anthony, a son, Henry Towers Friend, a brother for Charles.

WHEATMAN – On June 16th in Hong Kong, to Henrietta (née Peterson) and Charles, a daughter, Bella Louise, a sister for Hugo.

DEATHS

CARTLAND – Lady (Dorothy) – Passed away peacefully 16th June 1993, in Hobart Australia wife of Sir George (Barrie) Cartland mother of John and Michael and grandmother of Claire, Nicola, James and Caroline. Funeral to be held in Hobart, June 18th 1993 no flowers by request. H.G. Millington & Co Funeral Directors Hobart.

CUCHNEY – On 16th June at The Royal Marsden Hospital, peacefully, Elizabeth. Much loved wife of John and devoted mother of David, Christopher and Jennifer, dearly loved daughter of Gwen and Derek Kimber, sister of Simon, Jeremy and Jane.

D'OYLY-JOHN – Cecil Rockford of Dairy Cottage, Rottingdean, East Sussex. Husband of Joan, on 10th June 1993 in his 87th year.

ELOART – On June 14th 1993 after a long illness, Brigadier Ferdinand Shaw Elloart, OBE, dearly loved husband of Helen. Funeral private. No flowers, please.

EVANS – William Fred Richard, died peacefully at home on June 15th, aged 71. Much loved husband of Pat, dear father of Richard, Michael, Julia and Nick, and loving grandfather of eight. So sadly missed by all. Funeral Service at St Simon and St Jude, East Dean, on Monday June 21st at 12 noon. Flowers or donations to Imperial Cancer Research c/o Hains & Son Ltd., 19 South Street, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

GREENWOOD – John Lawrence, retired architect, brother of Anthony, suddenly on 15th June at the Royal Surrey County Hospital. Funeral to take place on Thursday 24th June at 2 pm. the Parish Church, Peaslake, near Guildford, followed by interment in the Churchyard. Flowers to Pinnins Funeral Services, Cranleigh. (0483) 274079.

GUEST – On 17th June in Leominster Community Hospital, Edith Mary (née Dell) aged 82, dear wife of Guy, mother of Hilary and Peter and grandmother of Emma. Funeral to be announced.

JAMESON – On 15th June, Guy, husband of the late Joyce and devoted father of Gemma, Charlie, Lizzie, Vinnie and Andrew and niece Janey and adored grandfather of Amy, Sam, Katie, Guy, Damian, Sarah, Jack and Eleanor. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, South Warnborough, on Tuesday 22nd June at 11.30. Flowers to Alexander & Dry, Seal Road, Basingstoke, Hants.

KORWIN – On 18th June 1993, at home, Dr. Edith Ema Angelika (III). Funeral Service at Salisbury Crematorium on Tuesday 22nd June at 12 noon. All enquiries to G.E. Johnson and Son, Funeral Directors, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

LASOK – Dominik Marc Alexander aged 32, tragically in Istanbul, a much loved and respected son and brother, greatly missed. Requiem Mass, Easter 18th June 1993.

MACKENZIE ROSE – MD, DLO, on June 16th at Riverside House Nursing Home, Sherborne, Dorset. Andrew aged 93 years. Funeral Service takes place at Nether Compton Church on Wednesday June 23rd at 2.15 pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu for Friends of The Westmoor Hospital, c/o Norman Hart, Funeral Director, Nether Compton, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 4QJ tel: (0935) 812365.

MacLEOD – On 17th June 1993 after a long illness fought with great courage, Edward Philip MacLeod. Funeral at The Church of St John, St John's Wood, at 12 noon on Wednesday 23rd June. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to the Hospice of St John & St Elizabeth, Grove End Road, NW8.

MARTIN – Audrey Joan, on 14th June, aged 59. Funeral at Lavenham Church on Thursday 24th June at 2 pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations may be sent to the *N.S.P.C.C.*

McDOWELL – Professor M.R. Coulter at the Royal Hospital and Home Putney, on June 13th, peacefully after a long illness. Beloved husband of Brenda, and father of Jonathan and David. Cremation private. A Memorial Gathering will be held at Royal Holloway College Chapel, Egham, Surrey, on July 17th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Headway or Royal Hospital and Home Putney.

MEE – Peacefully on June 16th at The Cedars, Langford, Anne Isabel, dear mother of Alasdair, Douglas and Donald and a much loved grandmother. Funeral Service at St Mark's Church, Ampfield, Hants, on Friday June 25th at 12 noon followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to St Mark's P.C.C. c/o A.H. Chester, Funeral Directors, Romsey, Hants. (0794) 513393.

PEDEL – On Monday, 14th June, 1993, after a long and difficult illness borne with great fortitude and courage, Desiré Raymond Pedel, dearly loved husband of Pat, father of Martin and Sarah and much loved grandfather. A Funeral Service will be held at All Saints' Parish Church, High Wycombe on Wednesday, 23rd June at 10.45 am followed by a family cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Wycombe Scanappeal, c/o David Silver & Sons, Funeral Director, Westbourne Street, High Wycombe, Bucks. HP11 2PZ.

POOLE – On June 9th 1993, Lilian Eleanor (née Attree), widow of Henry Morton Poole, aged 99 years, formerly of Lawford, dearly loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and mother-in-law. Funeral Service on Monday June 21st at St James The Great Church, East Hill, Colchester at 1.30 pm followed by private cremation. Flowers or if preferred donations to St Helena Hospice c/o W.H. Shotard, Funeral Directors, 93-94, High Street, Colchester.

RAMSAY – On 17th June 1993, peacefully in Kelsh-Helen Margaret, aged 90, widow of Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay, Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief, Invasion of Europe 1944, and much loved mother of David and Charles, Private Family Funeral. Memorial Service at Christ Church, Dune, at 6 pm on Thursday 8th July.

SHUTE – On June 14th 1993 peacefully the Rev. Ronald A. Shute aged 86 years. Much loved husband of Dora and of all those who knew him during his active ministry of 60 years. Funeral 2.15 pm Monday June 21st at St Peter's Church, Stinsford, nr. Dorchester, followed by private cremation. No flowers please. Donations to St Catherine's Hospice, Crawley c/o Freeman & Co., North Parade, Horsham tel: (0403) 264590.

SOUTER – On 14th June 1993, after a sudden illness, peacefully at The Churchill Hospital, Oxford, Mary Christian Morrish, much loved mother of Julian and proud Grannie to Jessica and Andrew. Funeral Service at Oxford Crematorium on Monday 21st June at 12.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Dr. Clarke, Memorial Fund (Kidney Transplant Research) c/o Reeves & Pain, 239 Abingdon Road, Oxford OX1 4TE.

SPICER – On Wednesday 16th June 1993, Trevor Charles Spicer aged 72, suddenly in London. Trevor was a husband, dad and grandad and great friend of all his family. He will be sadly missed by many. His funeral will be private, but a memorial service will be announced later. Family flowers only, any donations to the British Heart Foundation.

THIRD – Sandy Third of Stock Green Farm, Skipton, died 11th June 1993 and cremated at Skipton.

TRINICK – On 16th June peacefully in hospital, Delphine Rose, aged 85 years, of Minthorpe, Cumbria, wife of the late John Trinick, daughter of the late Sir James & Lady Reynolds. Service will take place at Christ the King Church, Minthorpe, on Monday 21st June at 2 pm followed by burial. Flowers to Fisherwick Funeral Service, 17 Park Road, Minthorpe, Cumbria, tel: (05396) 63108.

WEBB – On June 17th 1993, peacefully after a short illness, Reginald Frank, at Nuffield Hospital, Chandlers Ford. Beloved husband of Sheila and father of John and Marian. Funeral Service at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, Hants, on Friday June 25th at 2.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations to The British Diabetic Association, c/o A.H. Chester, 122, The Hundred, Romsey, Hants.

WOOD – On 13th June 1993, in a tragic car accident, Peter, beloved husband of Joanna, son of Edward and Margaret, son-in-law of David and Molly Forbes, grandson of John and Kathleen Russell, brother of Rachel Carolina and Marion. Service at St Mary's Church, Fetcham, Surrey, 11.30am 23rd June. Flowers from immediate family only. Donations to Dorian House Children's Hospice Appeal via Funeral Director, Hawkins & Sons, Leatherhead.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CIVVAL – A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Norman Civval will be held at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St John's Wood Road, NW8, on Thursday 24th June 1993 at 6 pm.

GALLAGHER – A Memorial Service in thanksgiving for the life of Charles Gallagher, late Chairman of Abbey plc, will be held on Saturday 26th June 1993 at 11 am at St Mary's Church, Aspley Hill, Woburn Sands, Bedfordshire.

HALSEY – Barbara Dorothea. A Thanksgiving Service for the life of the late Barbara Halsey will be held at St Mary's, Norton-Sub-Hamdon, Somerset, at 2.30 pm on Saturday 10th July 1993.

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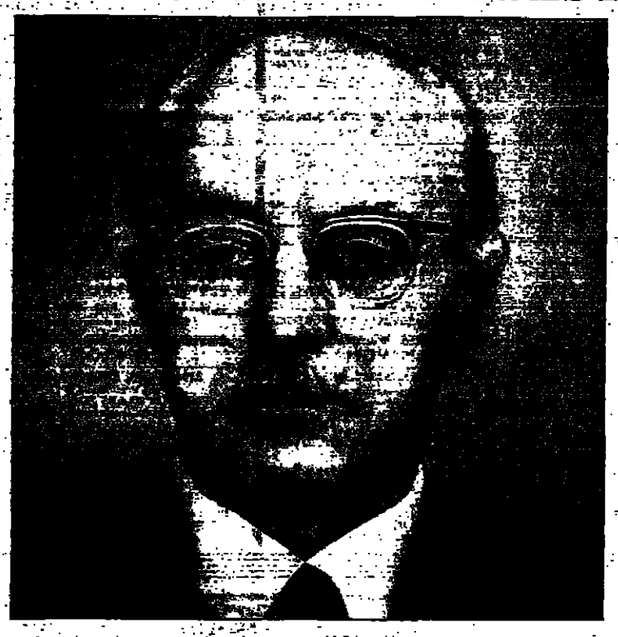
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OBITUARIES

ERIC TRIST

Eric Lansdown Trist, social scientist and a founding member of the Tavistock Institute of Human Relations, died at Carmel, California, on June 4 aged 83. He was born in Dover on September 11, 1909.



ERIC TRIST's major undertaking in the last years of his life was compiling a substantial three-volume collection, entitled *The Social Engagement of Social Science: A Tavistock Anthology*. That title captures the essence of the lifelong project to which he brought his breadth of outlook and outstanding intellectual powers: the advancement of understanding in the social sciences through engaging with practical problems in organisations and wider social systems.

He had a brilliant academic career. Benefiting perhaps from being the belated and only son of a Scottish governess and a Cornish sea-captain, he was — unusually for those days — a grammar school boy who won a scholarship to Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he went on to get a double first in English Literature. He then switched to Psychology and achieved another first, with distinction. Next came a Commonwealth Fund fellowship, which took him to the United States in 1933 for two years.

Later Trist would describe his shock at the hunger and violence he encountered travelling through America during the Depression. For the first time he became politically active. The effects of the Depression continued to preoccupy him on his return: based at St Andrew's (where he became a lecturer in psychology and for a time the acting head of department) he plunged into a study of long-term unemployment in Dundee, working as part of probably the first large inter-disciplinary research team.

Then came the war. He joined the Emergency Medical Services as a senior clinical psychologist, based at Mill Hill Hospital which received some the early psychiatric casualties from Dunkirk. He was also a research fellow at the Institute of Psychiatry — the Maudsley — under Sir Aubrey Lewis. After two years, Trist was ready to move on. He was intrigued by work that a group from the Tavistock Clinic was doing in the Army, and infuriated Sir Aubrey by abandoning the Maudsley to join them.

In the Army he immediately became involved with the "Tavistock Group" in establishing the War Office Selection Boards. These not only provided a sophisticated and effective method of officer selection but also, more importantly, by opening up the catchment area of potential officers far more widely, made it possible to recruit the tens of thousands needed.

In 1943, by then a lieutenant-colonel, he moved to another innovative assignment. This was the establishment of Civil Resettlement Units (CRUs), which were designed to help returning prisoners-of-war with the often difficult problems of reconnecting to the civilian world. Its immense success was recognised by an OBE.

That was the spring-board for all of Trist's future work. Along with Tommy Wilson, Jock Sutherland, Wilfred Bion and other Army colleagues, now back at the Tavistock Clinic, he was enthusiastic about applying this experience in the phase of postwar reconstruction, and in 1946 they launched the Tavistock Institute of Human Relations as an independent entity to carry it forward.

The work for which Trist is best known spanned ten years of research on alternatives to bureaucratic forms of organisation in the coal industry. He introduced the concept of the "social-technical system" and identified the importance of the autonomous work-group — a self-led, self-regulated unit — and its implications for the wider organisation. This concept gained only limited currency in the UK, but spread widely in the United States; in Europe it became an important element in industrial democracy; and it was the basis of the international "quality of work-life" movement.

The coal research was published as *Organisational Choice* (1963), but other books and monographs in this period illustrate the range of his work: *Diagnostic Performance Tests* (1958); *Explorations in Group Relations* (1959); *Social Research and a National Policy for Science* (1964). Most were co-authored — something, as he said, that "befits an enterprise characterised by a group orientation". A later book, *Towards a Social Ecology* (1973), resulted from his close collaboration with Fred Emery at the Institute in studying large-scale social systems and the environmental contexts of organisations. During this time he also acquired a Cambridge doctorate.

Another achievement of Trist's Tavistock period was the founding in 1947 of the journal *Human Relations*, published initially in collaboration with Kurt Lewin and his institution, the Research Center for Group Dynamics at Ann Arbor, Michigan. He edited it for many years and remained honorary editorial fellow until he died.

In 1966, he continued his career in North America and was Professor of Organisational Behaviour and Social Ecology successively at UCLA where, with Lou Davis, he developed the first graduate programmes in socio-technical systems (1966-69); at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was also chairman of the Management and Behavioral Science Center (1969-1978); and in the Faculty of Environmental Sciences at York University, Toronto (1978-83).

Trist will live on through his writings and the many colleagues and students for whom he was a significant mentor. He had a fine sense of humour and was always a stimulus — at times too much so, because for most of his life he was subject to a reverse sleep cycle (eventually traced to childhood meningitis), which meant that he was lively all night, both socially and intellectually. By day he was sometimes more somnolent, although one learnt that eyes closed during a meeting did not necessarily imply inattention. Lateness could be a problem. An army colleague captured it in a clerihew: "Eric Trist/Missed/The train/Again". But, deservedly, he was always forgiven.

With his characteristic energy and persistence, despite serious ill-health, he continued his writing and editing until the last weeks of his life. His work on the *Tavistock Anthology* will now be completed by his wife, Beulah, a tower of strength both personally and professionally. He is also survived.

JANET GREEN

Janet Green, playwright and screenplay writer, died in Beaconsfield on May 30 aged 84. She was born at Hitchin, Hertfordshire, on July 4, 1908.

JANET GREEN was one of those fortunate, if frustrated, writers for the theatre whose fame (and prosperity) was based on a single play. In 1952 she wrote a remarkably well-crafted thriller, *Murder Mistaken*, which was to be constantly revived and even at the time of her death was still earning her royalties from amateur dramatic companies. In Britain it was turned into a film under the title, *Cast a Dark Shadow* (1955), featuring two of the biggest stars of the time, Margaret Lockwood and Dirk Bogarde.

Although the play enjoyed a success she was never quite to repeat. Green was a thoroughly professional writer. She entered the film world in 1947, writing the screenplay for her own story, *The Clouded Yellow*, ultimately produced by Sydney and Betty Box in 1950. Another murder story, it again had a star-studded cast — Trevor Howard, Jean Simmons, Sonia Dresdel and Kenneth More all appeared in it. While not as ingenious in plot as her later play, *Murder Mistaken*, it was judged by critics of the time — with its final chase across the Lake District — to have more than a touch of Hitchcock about it.

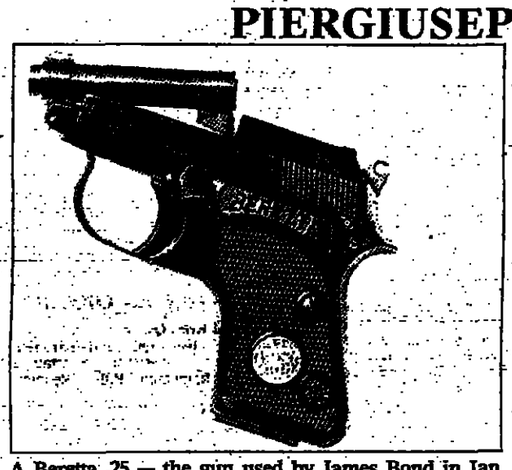
Green spent some years working in Hollywood, although none of the films she worked on there was a major box-office success. *Midnight Lace* (1960), a rewrite of *Gaslight* and based on her play *Matilda Shouted Fire*, perhaps came nearest to it, though by the time it was released Green's name was no longer among the credits. She had better luck with the British cinema, particularly with *Sapphire* (1959), a police thriller with a race angle rather ahead of its time, which won a British Academy award as well as gaining for its script-writer the *Prix Femina du Cinema* from the French critics and an "Edgar" from the Mystery Writers of America.

Green's own heart, however, was in the theatre. She had started life as an actress, appearing in small parts in some of the famous Aldwych farces of the 1930s and later in various repertory companies. Her first play, *Lighten Our Darkness*, was produced in 1946 and she was to write at least half-a-dozen more before her career was over. For ten years she lived in Paris, moving afterwards to Lausanne, before returning to England in the 1970s. She liked to describe herself as "an actress turned writer and an ardent Francophile who is often homesick for London".

Green was twice married. Her second husband, John McCormick, with whom she wrote two of her best screenplays — *Victim* (1961), a study of homosexual blackmail, and *Life for Ruth* (1962), the tale of a little girl denied a blood transfusion on religious grounds — died in 1989.

PIERGIUSEPPE BERETTA

Piergiuseppe Beretta, chairman of the famed Beretta firearms manufacturing company, died in Gardone Valtrompia, in the province of Brescia, Lombardy, on June 10 aged 86. He was born on June 16, 1906.



A Beretta .25 — the gun used by James Bond in Ian Fleming's first five novels

TO READERS of Ian Fleming's novelistic *oeuvre* the products of the Beretta family firm are chiefly associated with the fictional secret agent James Bond. Licensed to kill as he was, 007 was known to prefer the Beretta above all other automatic pistols for bumping off those who meant him and his country no good — until, that is, he was commanded to turn it in for a German-manufactured Walther PPK by "M", his boss.

To be fair to the Beretta, M's objection was that 007 was using a .25 calibre version of the weapon, which was dismissed by Major Boothroyd ("Q", the arms expert of the Bond films) as a "ladies' gun", in the novel *Dr No*. Its use had nearly cost Bond his life in the preceding novel, *From Russia With Love*, when it snagged in his jacket as 007 was about to draw it. M was adamant: out went the Beretta for a .32 calibre Walther of far greater stopping power.

Though no sentimentalist, Bond secretly yearned for his Beretta. And to judge from the sales record of the make, that, too, has been the verdict of the world's armed forces and law enforcement agencies. Italy, indeed, claims to be the home of the pistol and Fabbrica d'Armi Beretta is one of the world's oldest arms manufacturers.

The firm is still run by descendants of the family which established it in 1526 in the small town of Gardone Valtrompia in the range of tumbling hills which lie between Lakes Garda and Iseo.

It was an ancestor of Piergiuseppe Beretta who consolidated and expanded the business in the 19th Century, laying the foundations for the production of the highly successful model 1915 pistol for the Italian army in the first world war. Piergiuseppe himself was at the helm of the company during a further considerable growth in the postwar period.

Born at Gardone Valtrompia, which is the cradle of Italian small arms manufacture, Piergiuseppe Beretta took a degree in industrial chemistry at Bologna University in 1932 and subsequently gained his doctorate.

As chairman of the board of Fabbrica d'Armi Beretta from 1957, he oversaw the evolution of a new range of handguns, and expanded production overseas with factories being established in Brazil and the United States. The Model 1951 SL, first of the postwar generation of Beretta pistols, was replaced successively by models 81 and 84 under his chairmanship.

But the crowning glory of the Beretta sidearms arsenal (the company also manufactures rifles and shotguns) is the Beretta 92F, first announced in 1977. It was adopted by the US Army to replace the ageing Colt .45 automatic, after convincingly winning the American military trials against all comers. In 1987 it was selected by the Gendarmerie Nationale of France as its regulation pistol and has since been chosen by a number of military and police arms. With a high magazine capacity (15 rounds), and an ability to be modified to suit service specifications laid down by various countries, the Beretta 92F is one of the world's principal service sidearms.

A typically astute Lombard businessman, Beretta was rooted in the life of his province. Like most of his countrymen, Beretta was passionately fond of opera and also liked to relax on the golf course.

He is survived by his second wife, Anna. His first wife, Maria Luisa, predeceased him. There were no children of either marriage.

MICHAEL HUGHES

Michael Hughes, historian, died while on a lecture tour in East Germany on May 23 aged 51. He was born in Wirral, Cheshire, on March 3, 1942.



AS A lecturer in history at the University College of Wales in Aberystwyth from 1968 to 1992 Michael Hughes concentrated on the history of Germany from the Middle Ages to the present. This breadth of interest was unusual and had made him exceptional among British historians of Germany. It sprang largely from his years of study, under the supervision of Professor Francis L. Carsten, at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies in London between 1965 and 1969.

Hughes's broad approach to German history was mirrored in his writing, always solidly based on extensive research in Britain as well as in Germany. In his *Nationalism and Society, Germany 1815-1986* (1988) he presents and interprets modern German history by focusing on the theme of nationalism. The book is a differentiating and subtle analysis. It shows all the author's qualities as a fair, understanding and critical scholar. The same may be said of his *Law and Politics in Eighteenth-Century Germany* (1988) and his recent *Early Modern Germany 1477-1806* (1992). Taken together, these three studies cover more than 400 years of German history, which in this day and age is a remarkable achievement for any scholar.

Michael Hughes wrote his surveys of modern German history not only for students, but with a wider readership in mind. In this, he was very successful and respected in both Britain and Germany. Moreover, German historians in particular valued his long-standing interest in the history of East Frisia, an old Prussian province in what is now Lower Saxony. After a number of earlier articles Hughes had just started a major study on the political mobilisation of small farmers in this area. He had planned it as a case-study to illustrate the fateful decay of democracy in Weimar Germany and the rise there of National Socialism.

Hughes was educated at Wirral Grammar School and Queen Mary College, London where he took a first class degree in history. He taught for a year at Ellesmere Port Grammar School, and then went on to the School of Slavonic and East European Studies in London, researching 18th-century German history, completing his PhD in 1969. From 1969 he was a member of the history department at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, becoming Senior Lecturer in 1990.

In 1992 Hughes moved to Lasinte Union College in Southampton. Easier access to research facilities in London and to the Continent had given him a fresh impetus and he became a frequent visitor to the German Historical Institute in Bloomsbury Square. By that time, he had established himself as one of the most distinguished brokers between the cultures and scholarly traditions of Britain and Germany. The rigorous integrity which he applied in his historical research was manifest, too, in his private and public life. He was fascinated by the political process and devoted much of his energies to campaigns on behalf of those who could not fight for themselves. He was a Dyfed county councillor between 1973 and 1977. His researches into German history engendered a deep-seated unease with any form of nationalism.

He is survived by his wife Yvonne and by their son.

CHIEF SAMUEL ASABIA

Chief Samuel Asabia, chairman of the Nigerian Stock Exchange, has died in Lagos, aged 61. He was born on December 1, 1931.

CHIEF Samuel Asabia was one of Nigeria's most outstanding economists. An African chief who eschewed politics for fiscal matters he rose from his first post of administrative officer in the Nigerian civil service in 1954 to become Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, 1970-75, vice chairman and chief executive of the Standard Bank of Nigeria in 1975 and then president of the Nigerian Stock Exchange, 1975-81. He served as chairman from 1975 until his death.

Born in Idoani in the Owo division of Ondo State, Chief Samuel Oyewole Asabia was educated locally and at Exeter University where he gained a diploma in public administration. His abilities were soon recognised. His first key appointment was as senior assistant secretary in the cabinet office of the Western Region (1961). Nearly a dozen significant civil service appointments followed.

Asabia held a number of academic posts. He was on the governing board of the Institute of Public Administration at the University of Ife (1963-66) and chairman of the National Committee for the Teacher Service in 1966. He was elected vice-president of the Nigerian Economics Society in 1983 and in the same year was made an honorary fellow of the Institute of Bankers.

He served on numerous commissions and committees and when off duty enjoyed playing squash, reading biographies, relaxing to classical music and walking.

Asabia married Patricia Lyon, whom he met when she was a fellow student at Exeter. They had two daughters.

ON THIS DAY

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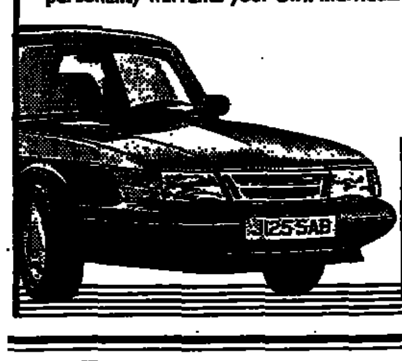
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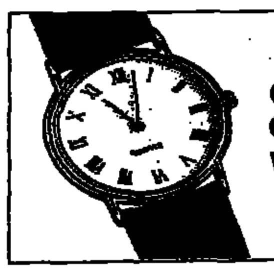
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MOTORING

As Britain's cities and towns become more crowded, a parking space can become territory to be defended, **Kevin Eason** reports

Nightmare on Acacia Avenue

Only the scowls on the faces of neighbours reveal the tension that bubbles under the surface every day. When the tension erupts, ordinary motorists turn to vigilante-style retribution, which *erupts into the kind of violence that* scars a small community for ever.

Neighbours not only have to live together but too often must park close together. The problem seems hardly worth worrying about but it niggles away until the lives of whole families can become dominated by the simple matter of where to park the car.

The frustration boils over until Mr or Mrs Average Driver becomes a demented neighbourhood version of D-Fens — the Michael Douglas character in *Falling Down*, the box-office topping movie, who vents his anger in violence.

Cars have been torched and neighbours attacked and seriously injured simply because homeowners regard the stretch of pavement outside their properties as theirs.

There are thousands of streets all over Britain with rows of terraced or semi-detached houses with no drive or garage for the family saloon. That is no problem so long as the number of cars does not outnumber the houses or exceed the space available outside them.

Even local planning regulations in some areas, which require developers to allow two street-parking spaces per household, have been outpaced by the growth in car ownership. This year's Lex Report on Motoring shows that while the population has grown by two per cent, car ownership has *shot up by 30 per cent in ten years.*

The rise and rise of the two-car family, and the growing affluence of teenagers who live with their parents and own runabouts, has turned what were ordinary streets into one-storey car parks.

When people get home after a day at work, they hate discovering someone else's car sitting outside their front window. And when it happens day after day, the tension rises. Sometimes, there is no respite at weekends as some motorists choose to wash or repair their cars outside a neighbour's house.

Hugh Thompson, a freelance journalist, discovered how angry motorists get about their cars. He put a polite note through a neighbour's door asking him not to park so close to the drive of his house in *Putney, southwest London.* The reply was an abusive note through his letter-box. A few streets away, a parking wrangle ended with a new £9,000 Ford Escort being set alight. Another motorist found his car doused in paint stripper after he parked in the same place, having ignored a note the day before.

Those incidents are typical, says Des Keenoy, home beat officer in Wandsworth. "We get two or three of these incidents every day," PC Keenoy says. "They often involve neighbours and sometimes violence. As each household gets more and more cars, so the problem increases. On a day-to-day basis, car parking is one of the issues that *really vexes people." Nor is it just a* question of finding a space. Careless drivers often leave behind an anonymous mark in the form of a bent radio aerial, a paint scratch or a dent in the wing of the car of their "rival".

PC Keenoy says: "All the parties think they know who and what is involved. We try to explain to each *party that they have to go on living* with their neighbours and that in crowded areas there has to be give and take. Unfortunately, there is a general rise in casual violence."

The worst outbreaks are in London. When a man in the East End complained about a neighbour cleaning a car outside his house, he was beaten severely. A court *awarded damages of £5,000.*

But the problems are spreading to other cities — neighbourhood centres often have to act as referees between angry neighbours fighting for their piece of street.

Anne Smout, from a mediation service in Bristol, Avon, says: "We recently had two cases in which we could persuade neither party to speak face to face even though they were neighbours. In another case, we got one side to agree not to park — unless forced — on one side of a white line drawn on a fence.

"Another middle-aged couple suspected that neighbours were deliberately forcing them to walk extra yards with their shopping. Despite months of shuttle diplomacy, each side was too *hostile to* make any concession."

It is a sadness of modern life in British cities that neighbours lash *out first rather than try to solve a* problem that is bound to plague them daily. Yet police, lawyers and neighbourhood counsellors all understand the hysteria that can be generated by something as simple as putting a tonne of metal on a 15ft long piece of Tarmac.

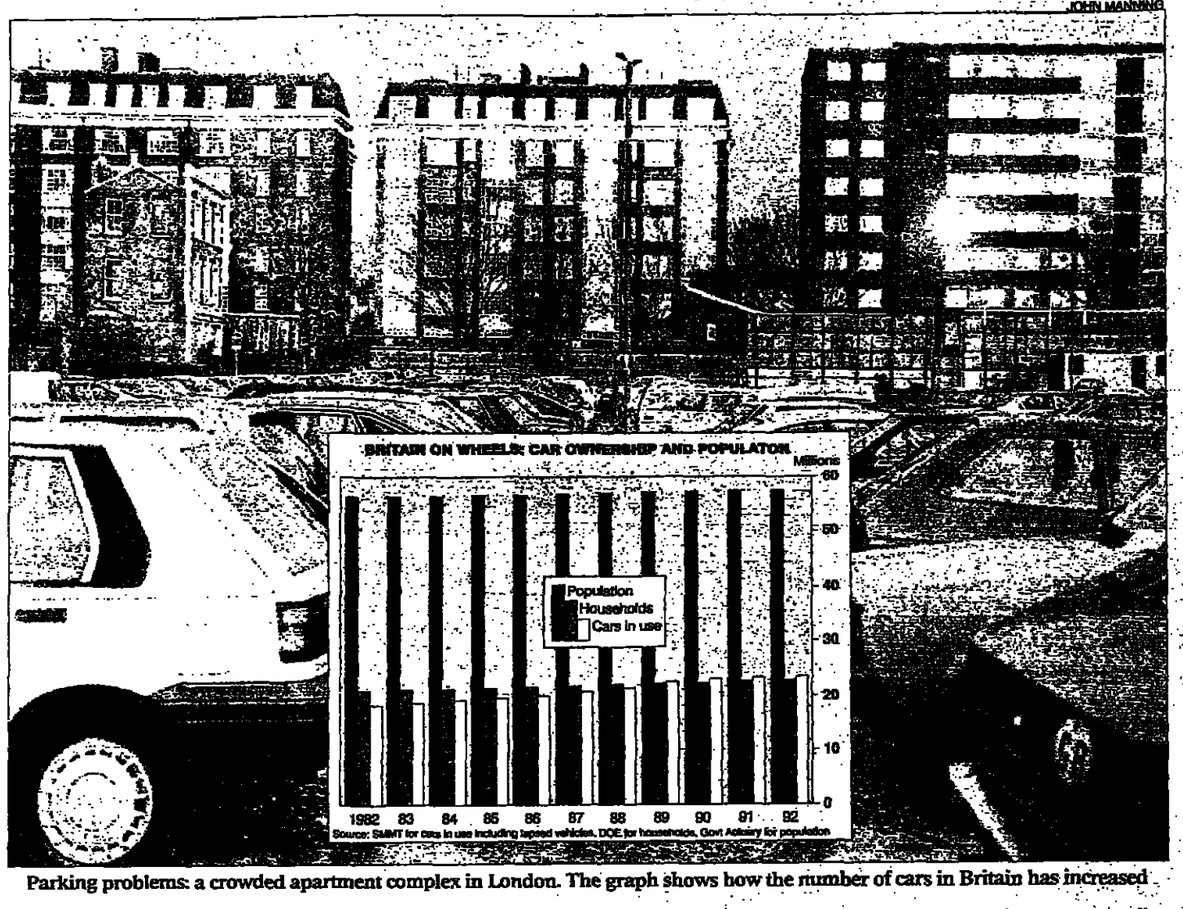
> 'People can easily move from the concept of my street to my space'

As PC Keenoy says, "Many people feel that they have property rights on the public road — but they are wrong. You cannot block someone's driveway but the homeowner's remit runs no further."

The rule does not stop behaviour reaching the point of mania. One householder painted white lines on the street to claim the area for his car only.

Irdinch Suleman, a counsellor in Fulham, west London, says: "People invest a lot of feeling in their car and its space is their space. In most streets, a sub-culture grows up in which certain people have certain 'rights' over certain spaces. Those who break these customs and practices suffer slashed tyres and worse. It is very easy for people to move from the concept of my street to my space."

JOHN MANNING



Parking problems: a crowded apartment complex in London. The graph shows how the number of cars in Britain has increased

Legendary Jaguars return to Le Mans

After a pilgrimage this week to the scene of a triple victory 40 years ago, the modern big cats are entering the 24-hour race this weekend

Alan Lloyd was unable to explain the magic but he admits he has been hooked for years. The chairman of Lloyds' the Chemists chain of 1,500 stores is a Jaguar freak to the extent that he will fly to Le Mans for the 24-hour race this weekend — but break the trip to return *to race his own MkII Jaguar* at Brands Hatch on Sunday.

Jaguars inspire such devotion, which explains the pilgrimage which took place this week of 18 C-Type cars to the French race track. The company wanted to celebrate 40 years since the C-Type pulled off one of the most celebrated results in the history of Le Mans when the cars took first, second and fourth places.

The 1953 victory was really the start of the Jaguar legend: the company went on to win Le Mans five more times, mostly frame in 1990, confirming its place in the front rank of sports-car manufacturers alongside Porsche and Ferrari. The approach was so different then. Cars competing at Le Mans recently have been specially designed thoroughbreds, as remote from the average family hatchback as a means of transport as the *Space Shuttle.*

This year, the aim has been to force cars to return to their roots — entries have to be versions of production models. Jaguar is entering its XJ220C, the race version of the XJ220 road car which, with its 213mph top speed, captured headlines as the world's fastest production model.

To reinforce the point that Le Mans racers should be at home on a trip to the shops, C-Type owners are driving their *cars almost 700 miles to the* race track, demonstrating that the cars are as docile in traffic as they are aggressive in the showdown of competition.

Owners, driving examples of the car's most famous models wheeled out specially for the occasion, joined this week in a celebratory dinner at Jaguar's factory in Coventry before setting out from Warwickshire.

Tom Jones, Jaguar's chief engineer until the 1980s, who *worked on the C-Type's en*gine and gearbox, was there, along with Ted Brooks and John Lee, members of the 1953 winning pit crew. Duncan Hamilton and Tony Rolt, the drivers of the winning number 18 car, were unable to attend but their sons, Stewart Hamilton and Adrian Rolt, took part in the cavalcade.

Also at the dinner was Pat Mennem, the veteran correspondent who was the doyen of the motor-racing corps. He *covered the 1953 victory as one* of his first jobs for the *Coventry Evening Telegraph.*

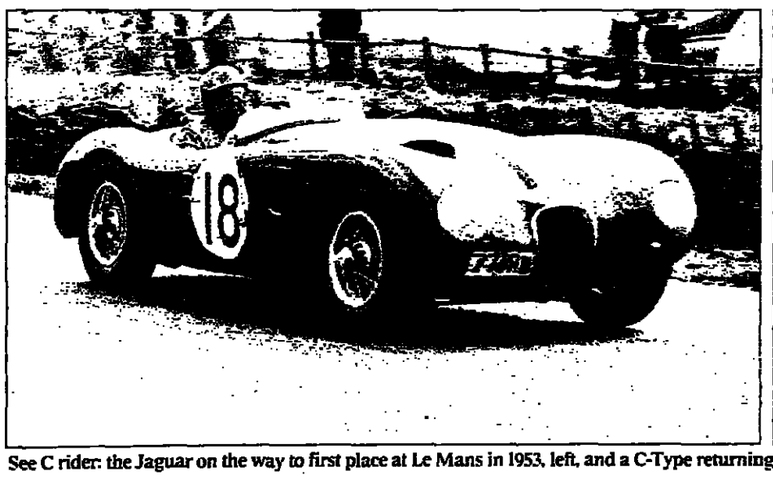
He says: "Jaguar is such a famous marque that it is recognised anywhere in the world. Its Le Mans successes established a legend which continues to this day. Walk into any remote village in any country in the world and eyes will light up when people hear the word Jaguar."

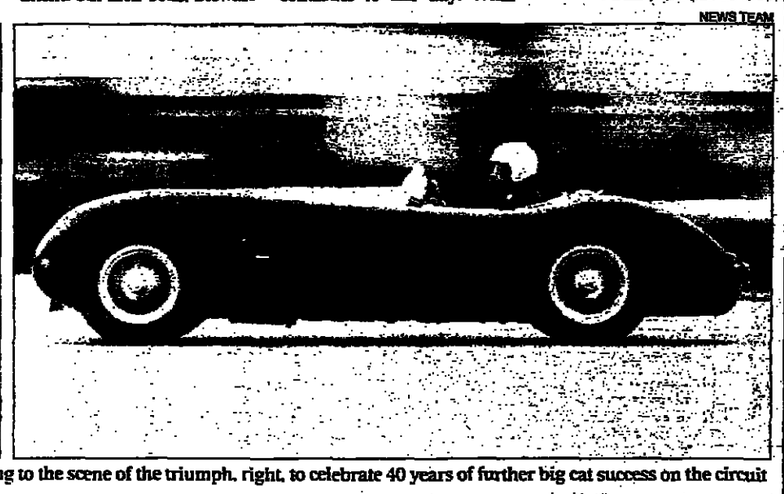
Alan Lloyd, voted Jaguar driver of the year, is not old enough to remember the 1953 win, but he understands the charisma of a marque that he now collects enthusiastically. "The C-Type is part of a wonderful tradition", he says, "one of which Britain can be proud."

Jaguar goes to Le Mans in high spirits after recovering from three of the toughest years in its history. *After 1990, as sales were* halved, the company made a third of its 12,000 workforce redundant.

However, executives are now predicting a recovery and estimate that sales this year could be up 30 per cent against the trend of a worldwide slump in sales of luxury cars.

KEVIN EASON
NEWS TEAM





See C rider: the Jaguar on the way to first place at Le Mans in 1953, left, and a C-Type returning to the scene of the triumph, right, to celebrate 40 years of further big cat success on the circuit

Even a 'liberated' man can turn into a chauvinist pig behind the wheel

Woe betide the woman driver

She is never allowed to drive to the pub but somehow always ends up with the privilege of getting her partner home, *Kevin Eason writes.* Even when she gets behind the wheel, she is likely to be the victim of a pointing, hectoring nervous wreck in the passenger seat.

When it comes to driving, women have never had an easy ride from men. Sit next to any man when he spots an idiot in front causing havoc and the first reaction is often: "I'll bet it's a woman." Travel the insurance company statistics, however, and you will find that women have accident records so good in comparison to men that they can win discounts.

The number of women drivers is increasing fast. There are now an estimated 12 million women at the wheel — almost double the 1987 figure — and just as many pass their test annually as men.

Car manufacturers have *long understood that women* influence car-purchase decisions — even if they may not always write the cheque. Women push and prod their partners into colour choice but rarely have enough clout to choose the model.

In fact, only 52 per cent of *women have their names on* registration documents.

When the Automobile Association interviewed more than 600 women to find out just how influential women are at the wheel, it discovered that the battle of the sexes runs deep in the psyche of motorists. *For example, 79 per cent* say that their man usually drives on an outing.

Party nights, particularly, expose the male chauvinism: only 19 per cent of women are allowed to drive to an evening involving drinking, yet 56 per cent have to run their tired and *emotional partners* home.

Even when men are in the passenger seat, they behave badly. Les Dawson could have devised a sketch around their comic capers as backseat drivers with mannerisms that would make mothers-in-law seem as calm as Mother Teresa.

Take this quote from one interviewee who told the AA: "My husband's virtually driven for me. I'm sitting there and there's the horn going, there's the indicator but I'm in the driving seat not touching them. Sometimes, I could knuckle him."

Child passengers sometimes notice the tension between the sexes. One said: "When Mum and Dad go out for the day, she drives, and he fidgets and jumps."

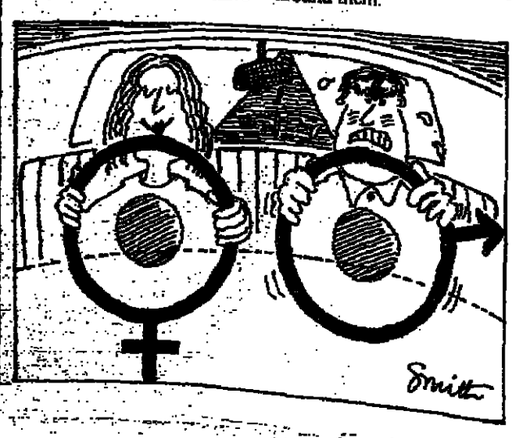
The typical profile built up by the AA highlights the fact that women drivers are still forced to play a secondary role to men. This hypothetical woman started lessons at 22 years of age and passed her test at 24; her man started driving at 19 and *passed at 21.*

She drives a six-year-old Ford Fiesta an average 5,400 miles annually; he has a five-year-old Ford Sierra in which he covers 8,300 miles a year.

She hates driving in the dark but dislikes using public transport at night rather than the car because she feels afraid; he positively enjoys driving alone at night and refuses to use public transport because he cannot be bothered.

In fact, that fear of being alone at night in a car prevents some women from having a *full social life simply* because they do not want to use public transport or are afraid of being stranded at the roadside if their car breaks down.

Maybe that culture change could start at the wheel with some men dropping the aggression that so many display, driving cars like high-speed Chieftain tanks without thought or care for those around them.



Tribute to Hunt

A TRIBUTE to James Hunt, the Formula One world champion who died this week, will be the centrepiece of Britain's biggest classic car sale which starts tomorrow at Sandown Park, near Kingston upon Thames. Hunt was due to appear at Sandown alongside some of the cars which featured in his career, including the McLaren M23 in which he won his 1976 F1 championship.

Organisers considered cancelling but have now decided that a display of the Hunt cars will be a tribute to one of the nation's most charismatic drivers.

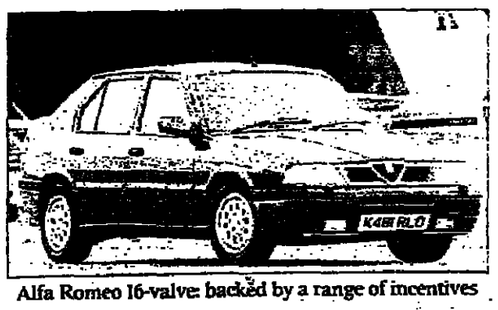
At the same time, car owners can take part in an unconventional sale. For a flat fee of £50 (less 10 per cent for car club members), owners can park their cars and then find a buyer. A qualified engineer will be on hand to carry out inspections on request while a private office will be available where deals can be struck. Enquiries about the two-day show to Motor Exhibitions on 0844-201044.

ROADWISE

Goodwood greats

LIKE father, like son. Damon *Hill will be giving a demon*stration drive tomorrow in the Jaguar 3.8 Mark II his father, Graham Hill, raced at Goodwood, near Chichester, West Sussex.

Hill junior, now racing in the successful Williams-Renault Formula One team, will show off the car in practice sessions for the Goodwood Festival of Speed starting tomorrow. Also there will be the former champion John Surtees, Ron Dennis (head of the McLaren F1 team), Nick Mason (drummer with Pink Floyd) and Rowan Atkinson.



Alfa Romeo 16-valve: backed by a range of incentives

Alfa incentives

ALFA ROMEO is trying to revive its fortunes in Britain by introducing a three-year warranty for its new 33 model range. Until August, buyers get three-year or 60,000-mile cover plus eight-year anti-corrosion warranty, AA membership and a remote control alarm/immobiliser. The package is worth £1,000 on cars costing £11,210-£13,010.

Beaulieu rockers

THE National Motor Museum at Beaulieu is promising a weekend of rock and roll to celebrate the cars of the fifties and sixties. There will be film shows, music and dance to enhance the appearance of some stunning models from the era that produced Bill Haley, Elvis and the Beatles. Admission is free for all drivers in a pre-1970 vehicle. More details from (0590) 612445.

Breakdown offer

BRITAIN'S newest roadside organisation promises a 30 per cent membership discount if its breakdown trucks fail to meet their estimated time of arrival. The CARE Breakdown Recovery Club says its Super-CARE members will save £19.50 on their annual fees if it fails to meet expectations.

Diesel sales leap

DIESEL-CAR sales continue *to soar, up by 79.8 per cent on* last year. Diesel cars now take 18 per cent of overall car sales, the highest point so far as motorists switch to the more economical fuel source.

Anti-lock Nissan

NISSAN will be first to equip all of its mid-range cars with anti-lock brakes as standard.

All Primera cars coming from the plant at Washington, Tyne & Wear, will get ABS, making the model the first in the medium sector to have the system as standard against *competition from the Ford* Mondeo, Vauxhall Cavalier, Rover 600 and Peugeot 405.

Ford goes 4WD

THE FIRST of Ford's new four-wheel-drive vehicles are in Britain. The Maverick is Ford's answer to Land *Rover's immensely success*fully Discovery range. It is made by Nissan in Spain.

Belgium easier

Holidaymakers bound for Belgium will get an easier ride from this week. A new 60km section of the A16 *motorway from Calais, on the* French coast, to the Belgian border has just opened, halving the old one-hour journey time. The new road connects with the motorway networks for the Benelux countries, Germany and Scandinavia.

Old beats new

Question: when is an old car worth more than a new car? Answer: when it is a BMW, according to *Glass's Guide*, the motor industry bible on prices.

The publication says that a *used BMW 318is could fetch* £17,775 at auction at the moment, that is three per cent more than the list price a year ago of £17,250 and only £200 behind the current list.

NEWS

Jobless fall boosts recovery hope

■ The government won a double boost with the unemployment total dropping by 26,100, its fourth consecutive monthly fall, and inflation unchanged at 1.3 per cent.

The announcements came after Kenneth Clarke, the new Chancellor of the Exchequer, persuaded the cabinet to fix a public spending target hailed by the government as the toughest for 15 years. The aim is to keep the growth in spending less than the growth in the economy..... **Pages 1, 25**

Nadir threatens 'a Watergate'

■ An embittered Asil Nadir, the fugitive businessman at the heart of a row over Tory party funding, has threatened complete disclosure about the conduct of government ministers which he says will have more damaging repercussions than the Watergate affair ..... **Pages 1, 2**

War lord hunted

The United Nations ordered the arrest of Mogadishu's infamous warlord, Muhammad Farrah Aidid, hours after a six-nation force had launched an air bombardment and house-to-house fighting in the narrow back streets of the Somali capital ..... **Pages 1, 13**

Supergun charges

A three-year City enquiry into the affairs of an engineering firm set to supply fuel for the Iraqi *supergun has heard wide-ranging* allegations involving British politicians and civil servants, illegal arms deals and the security forces ..... **Page 1, 25**

Gay march

As thousands of gay men and women prepared for a march through central London tomorrow, police warned that speculation about the state of mind of a serial killer could provoke him to kill again ..... **Pages 1, 7**

Health failure

Health authorities broke the law in the way they closed the only hospital unit in the world ready to treat two-year-old Rhys Daniels for a genetic disease, the High Court ruled..... **Page 5**

M-way division

Plans for a £300 million motorway in South Wales to serve the new Severn bridge were welcomed by industrialists as a boost for the local economy but were condemned by environ*mentalists* ..... **Page 7**

Horse trial fear

Concern is growing about the safety of horse trials after a rider was killed in Northumberland in the third fatal accident of its kind in three weeks..... **Page 3**

Shipping ban

Hundreds of substandard foreign-flagged ships face being banned from European Community waters under proposals being discussed by transport ministers..... **Page 8**

Bosnia rejection

President Izetbegovic of Bosnia-Herzegovina forcefully rejected any plan that would divide the former Yugoslav republic into three mini-states and said he refused to return to Geneva for further talks ..... **Page 12**

Clinton victory

President Clinton scored an unexpectedly swift victory when senators agreed on a modified version of his economic plan, paving the way for the deficit-*reduction programme* ...**Page 14**

Yeltsin's deal

President Yeltsin's legal aide said that he had clinched a power-sharing deal with Russia's autonomous republics to stave off civil war..... **Page 15**

Dockyard fight

Nuclear submarine workers at Devonport have written to ministers to dissuade the cabinet from switching support from Devonport to Rosyth for the Tri*dent contract* ..... **Page 10**

Nurse denies mouse sandwich

■ A nurse was sacked from a nursing home after being accused of putting a dead mouse in her boss's sandwich, an industrial tribunal was told. Deborah Wale, 19, denied the charge *and told the hearing that she had suffered persistent* sexual harassment. She had found the mouse in a loft and had left it on a trolley..... **Page 7**

JULIAN HERBERT



Global warming: hats depicting the world and summer flowers were sported at Ascot on Ladies Day yesterday. Racing, page 45

Lord Hanson regrets: Hanson has backed down on plans to limit shareholder access to annual meet*ings after a chorus of protest from* institutional investors..... **Page 25**

Heathrow talks: Trade chiefs Sir Leon Brittan and Mickey Kantor met for six hours in a "secret" meeting at a Heathrow hotel ahead of the world trade talks in *Japan* ..... **Pages 25, 26**

Markets: Worse-than-expected US trade figures depressed the dollar, helping the pound to gain almost 1 cent to $1.5132 in London. Sterling was also firmer against the mark, closing at DM2.5084, up 1.59 pfennigs. *The FTSE index was down* 7.3 at 2875.7 ..... **Page 28**

Cricket: Michael Slater scored his *maiden Test century at Lord's in* the second Test. He made 152 in a *record stand of 260 with Mark* Taylor and at the close Australia were 292-2..... **Page 48**

Basketball: Simon Barnes watches Michael Jordan score 55 points in an "extraordinary display of virtuosity" as the Chicago Bulls beat the *Phoenix Suns 111-105 to take a 3-1* lead in the NBA finals..... **Page 43**

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One more time: Simon and Garfunkel are getting back together and even the three remaining Beatles are hinting at a reunion. What makes them want to play it again? ..... **Page 17**

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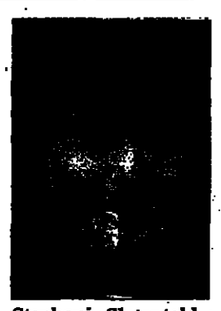
Chelsea parade: One of the biggest outdoor sculpture shows mounted in Britain opened this week by the Thames at Chelsea Harbour. Sixty living British artists are represented, and the exhibition spans traditional and modern..... **Page 35**

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Stephanie Slater told a jury that on the first night she was locked in a box by her kidnapper, she saw a vision of Christ and thought she had died **Page 3**



Harold Pinter is "furious" that the BBC, which part funded his film of Kafka's *The Trial*, is screening the Orson Welles version on TV **Page 9**

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Andrew Lloyd Webber

■ When he isn't composing hit musicals, he's doing good works for his country ... Alan Franks is granted an audience with the monarch of melody

Winning hit at Wimbledon

■ How the householders of Wimbledon, and even the church, find money-spinning opportunities on the sidelines of the All England tennis tournament

The jury is still out

■ The National Theatre unveils its new production of John Osborne's *Inadmissable Evidence*, starring Trevor Eve. Benedict Nightingale delivers a verdict

A couple who bought a house in the Welsh countryside discovered it had been built on the ruins of an ancient palace. This was only the start of their troubles. *One Foot in the Past* (BBC2, 9.30pm) ...**Page 47**

Recovery now

When John Major and Kenneth Clarke go to the European summit in Copehnagen this weekend, they need not apologise for their economic successes. *Instead* they should urge the rest of Europe to follow Britain's lead ..... **Page 19**

Honours be blowed

In this climate the Tories must be above suspicion. Otherwise there is an unwelcome *alternative — state* funding for political parties. Mr Fowler should clean out his stable ..... **Page 19**

Aboriginal sin

Mercifully, there is no prosecuting angel to conduct a continuous post-mortem on the pages of history to put right past sins ..... **Page 19**

BERNARD LEVIN

Shakespeare was fascinated, perhaps even obsessed, by time. Antique time he called it, and cormorant devouring time, and sluttish time, and envious and calumniating time, and wasted time, and the old common arbitrator time, and precious time, and the saltness of time. He tells us that time hath a wallet at his back, that time is fashionable, that the time is out of joint, that time is the great physician, that time takes survey of all the world ..... **Page 18**

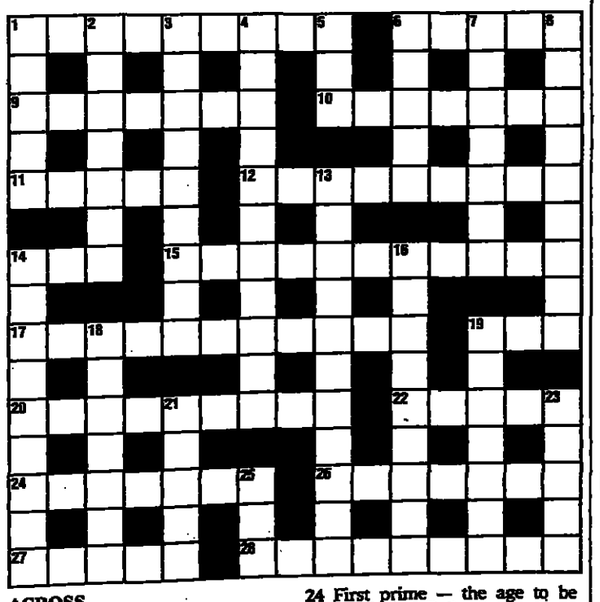
JANET DALEY

It is now almost impossible for any one adult to step in to prevent petty offences by children. And why? Because children sensed long ago that there was nobody in charge. Any intrusion of authority now comes as an affront ..... **Page 18**

Are too many new roads being planned for the West Country? ..... **Page 19**

For all these hopeful signs, the Mideast peace talks, which resumed this week in Washington, are dangerously stalled. Unless there is a breakthrough soon, opponents of the peace process are likely to come to power in Israel and among Palestinians in the occupied territories *The New York Times*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,260



ACROSS

1 Nominal subscription (9).
6 Sort of crossword one's said to always remember (5).
9 Sick Parisian here? Therapy's beginning for invalid (7).
10 German city provided backing for manoeuvre at bridge (7).
11 Greek letters in work of art (5).
12 Young man, losing head, at random may turn to her (5,4).
14 Vessel to make sound (3).
15 Chips, for example, hard to beat on board (5,6).
17 Decoy manoeuvre pilot goes on (5,6).
19 Headquarters in Cornwall and West Devon, perhaps (3).
20 Following young man's advice, and so perishing (5,4).
22 Labour in trouble (5).
24 First prime — the age to be unfaithful? (3-4).
26 *Minimize friction that's result* of strike, perhaps (3,4).
27 Attractive girl has brief fling (5).
28 Dismal day suffered as servant (5,4).

DOWN

1 Be sparing with cream on top of pie (5).
2 Bitterness over English appearing on Spanish ship (7).
3 Port — a variety passed round right to left (9).
4 Blue material 14*ac* mixed (11).
5 Mischievous child finishing the plateful off (3).
6 Early factory machine producing disastrous pocketing (5).
7 Among limes, quite small tree of another sort (7).
8 Defeat as result of poor fielding (9).
13 Way in which they were knocked in the air (3,4,4).
14 Not getting a reference, say, so denied clear prospects (9).
16 A new Italian city's becoming state capital (9).
18 Getting old in the ring, and less menacing (7).
19 Fanciful conception in correspondence with artist (7).
21 Stern and bow of yacht in need of cleaning (5).
23 Only daughter did some work at last (5).
25 Reveals oddly gutted fish (3).

Concise Crossword, page 48

Solution to Puzzle No 19,259

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Cloudy and wet at first. Northern Ireland and much of England and Wales will become brighter, but showers are likely. Southern England and south Wales should become drier. After a wet morning, southern Scotland will have showers and some sunshine. Northern Scotland will stay cloudy with rain. Becoming breezy in the south. Cool in the rain in the north. Outlook: cloudy with rain in the south. Bright with showers in the north.

MIDDAY: l=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	23	73	s	Majorca	26	79	s
Alicatri	26	79	s	Malaga	26	77	f
Alex'dria	26	79	f	Malta	24	75	s
Algiers	27	81	s	Melb'rne	11	52	f
Amst'dm	18	64	s	Mexico C*	18	64	c
Athens	28	82	f	Miami*	31	88	s
Bahrain	34	93	s	Milan	27	81	f
Barbados*	31	88	s	Montreal*	18	64	f
Barcelna	24	75	s	Moscow	18	64	c
Belgrade	25	77	s	Munich	13	55	c
Berlin	16	61	f	Naples	25	77	s
Bermuda*	24	75	c	N Delhi	36	97	s
Borda'x	19	66	c	N York*	26	79	s
Brussels	19	66	f	Nice	23	73	f
Budapst	20	68	f	Oslo	17	63	f
Cairo	31	88	f	Paris	20	68	f
Cape Tn	15	61	s	Peking	29	84	s
Chicago*	22	72	f	Prague	15	59	f
Ch'church	11	52	f	Reykjavik	10	50	f
Cologne	17	63	f	Rhodes	27	81	s
C'phagn	16	61	f	Rio de J	26	79	f
Corfu	27	81	s	Riyadh	42	108	s
Dublin	17	63	f	Rome	23	73	f
Florence	27	81	f	Sing'por	29	84	t
Frankfurt	16	61	c	St Lucia	32	90	c
Geneva	20	68	f	Stras'rg	19	66	f
Gibraltar	21	70	s	Sydney	16	61	r
Helsinki	16	61	f	Tel Aviv	27	81	f
Hong K	29	84	f	Tenerife	25	77	s
Innsbruck	14	57	r	Tokyo	29	84	s
Istanbul	21	70	f	Toronto*	19	66	s
Jo'burg*	18	64	s	Tunis	29	82	s
L Palmas	23	73	s	Valencia	28	82	s
Lisbon	30	86	s	Vanc'ver*	19	66	c
Locarno	23	73	c	Venice	24	75	f
L Angels*	24	75	s	Vienna	17	63	r
Luxembg	15	59	c	Warsaw	13	55	r
Luxor	42	108	s	Wash'ton*	28	82	s
Madrid	31	88	s	Zurich	17	63	c

* denotes figures are latest available

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.31	2.11
Austria Sch	18.80	17.10
Belgium Fr	54.40	50.00
Canada $	2.046	1.865
Denmark Kr	10.13	9.33
Finland Mkk	9.00	8.20
France Fr	8.86	8.16
Germany Dm	2.63	2.43
Greece Dr	354.00	329.00
Hong Kong $	12.30	11.30
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.98
Italy Lira	2360.00	2215.00
Japan Yen	178.50	159.50
Netherlands Gld	2.96	2.73
Norway Kr	11.12	10.32
Portugal Esc	248.40	230.40
South Africa Rd	6.25	5.35
Spain Pta	196.50	183.50
Sweden Kr	11.77	10.97
Switzerland Fr	2.36	2.18
Turkey Lira	16300.0	15300.0
USA $	1.608	1.473

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.0	0.01	18	64	shower
Aviemore	3.7	0.06	17	63	shower
Belfast	3.6	-	19	66	cloudy
Birmingham	0.9	0.11	17	63	rain
Bournemouth	1.5	0.76	16	61	rain
Bristol	0.5	0.39	16	61	rain
Buxton	1.0	0.13	13	55	cloudy
Cardiff	1.6	0.46	17	63	rain
Clacton	0.8	0.65	16	61	rain
Colwyn Bay	2.1	0.10	17	63	shower
Cromer	0.7	0.27	16	61	rain
Eastbourne	2.8	0.79	14	57	rain
Edinburgh	4.1	-	17	63	shower
Eskdalemuir	0.2	0.03	14	57	shower
Falmouth	3.4	0.91	16	64	rain
Folkestone	2.3	0.69	15	59	rain
Glasgow	3.0	0.01	17	63	shower
Isle of Man	2.9	-	17	63	cloudy
Jersey	2.0	0.09	16	61	cloudy
Leeds	0.5	0.01	17	63	cloudy
Lerwick	0.1	0.07	8	46	shower
Littlehampton	-	0.76	16	61	rain
Liverpool	2.1	0.02	15	59	cloudy
London	1.4	0.53	16	61	rain
Lowestoft	1.7	0.25	17	63	rain
Manchester	1.8	0.05	16	61	cloudy
Margate	1.8	0.69	17	63	rain
Morecambe	1.2	0.02	15	59	cloudy
Newcastle	3.8	-	17	63	bright
Nottingham	0.4	0.04	16	61	rain
Penzance	4.5	0.52	16	64	rain
Plymouth	5.1	1.39	16	64	rain
Scarborough	2.4	-	15	59	cloudy
Scilly Isles	6.0	0.29	16	61	sunny
Southend	0.2	0.64	17	63	rain
Stornoway	1.4	0.02	15	59	cloudy
Teignmouth	5.1	0.39	21	70	rain
Tenby	4.2	0.72	18	64	rain
Tiree	3.1	0.04	15	59	rain
Torquay	6.2	0.89	19	66	rain
Wick	7.0	0.01	15	59	bright

These are Wednesday's figures

London 9.51 pm to 4.13 am
Bristol 10.00 pm to 4.23 am
Edinburgh 10.32 pm to 3.56 am
Manchester 10.11 pm to 4.09 am
Penzance 10.05 pm to 4.42 am

Sun rises: 4.43 am — Sun sets: 9.21 pm
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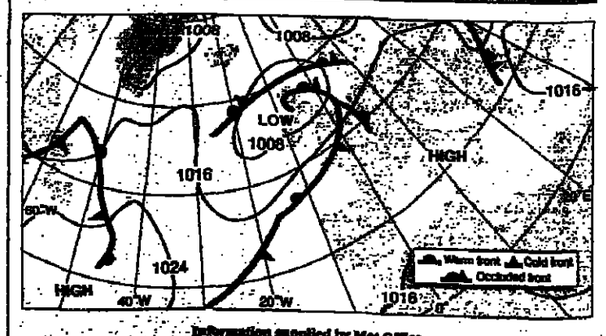
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Bristol	17	63	f	London	18	64	c
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Aberdeen	12.50	3.7	1.05	3.7	Lowestoft	8.07	2.2	9.18	2.2
Avonmouth	6.37	11.6	6.58	11.9	Margate	11.42	4.4	11.59	4.3
Belfast	10.38	3.0	11.00	2.2	Milford Haven	5.45	6.0	6.05	6.2
Cardiff	6.22	10.6	6.43	11.1	Newquay	4.38	6.1	4.57	6.3
Devonport	5.15	4.8	5.40	5.0	Oban	5.30	3.5	5.40	3.5
Dover	10.35	5.9	10.50	6.0	Penzance	4.17	4.8	4.40	5.1
Falmouth	4.45	4.6	5.10	4.8	Portland	6.09	1.6	6.38	1.9
Glasgow	12.19	4.2	12.53	4.0	Portsmouth	10.55	4.2	11.12	4.4
Harwich	11.30	3.7	11.49	3.6	Shoreham	10.50	5.4	11.07	5.6
Holyhead	9.58	4.9	10.21	5.1	Southampton	10.38	4.1	10.51	4.3
Hull	5.52	6.5	6.12	6.6	Swansea	5.54	8.2	6.13	8.4
Ilfracombe	5.28	8.0	5.48	8.3	Tees	3.09	4.8	3.27	4.9
King's Lynn	8.03	5.7	8.21	5.7	Wilton-on-Nze	11.28	3.9	11.44	3.8
Leith	1.56	4.8	2.17	4.8					



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All lit up: sculpture by the water at Chelsea Harbour



SPORT 43-48

Australia take command of Lord's Test

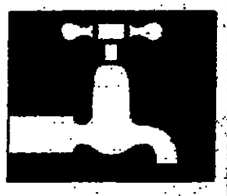


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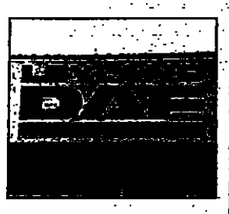


Ian Byatt, director-general of water services, said there must be a trade-off between water quality and higher bills
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LOW TIDE

Regalian Properties incurred losses of £83.5 million last year after writing down its residential holdings by £44.9 million
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ON THE CREST



The management buy-out team at Leyland DAF has come out fighting, confident the reshaped company has a brighter future
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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5132 (+0.0099)
German mark .. 2.5084 (+0.0159)
Exchange index ..... 79.9 (+0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2875.7 (-7.3)
Dow Jones ...3512.20 (+0.55)*
Nikkei Avge 19925.51 (+23.09)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 5 5/16-5 3/16%
US Federal Funds..... 3 1/16%*
3-month Treas Bills. 3.03-3.01%*
Long Bond 6.80%*

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London Forex market close

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Close 370.90-371.30
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RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... 140.6 April (1.3%)
* Denotes midday trading price



DAVID DYSON

Airport rendezvous: Mickey Kantor and Sir Leon Brittan, the US and EC trade chiefs, emerging yesterday from a secretive Heathrow huddle (Report, page 26)

Inspectors find deceit and failure at Astra

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

■ **City advisers, directors and even the Stock Exchange emerge badly from the DTI report into the Astra takeover of a Belgian contractor to the Iraqi supergun**

INSPECTORS probing the affairs of Astra Holdings, the company at the heart of the Iraqi supergun affair, have uncovered a catalogue of failure and deceit, including the deliberate inflation of the company's profits by means of a false invoice created by a former director.

But they have stopped short of looking into the deal by which an Astra subsidiary was to supply the supergun with propellant, despite a wealth of allegations from former managers against senior politicians, civil servants and the security services.

The inspectors — from the DTI — felt, despite pleas to the contrary from Gerald James, former chairman of Astra, such enquiries went beyond the boundaries of their appointment, and the evidence is not included in the 545-page enquiry. Few involved with the company during the 1980s emerge with any credit from a report that was three years in the making. Among those criticised with much of the former board are Paine-Webber, the financial adviser, Hichens, Harrison & Co, the stockbroker, and Baileys, Shaw & Gillett, the solicitor.

The firm's auditor, Stoy Hayward, also overseer of the Polly Peck collapse, is taken to task in respect of the preparation of Astra's report and accounts for for 1986, 1987 and 1989, which the DTI report says did not show a true picture of the company's financial affairs.

In February last year, Astra, many of whose woes dated from the acquisition of PRB, the Belgian armaments maker, in 1989, went into receivership owing £50 million despite the best efforts of Roy Barber, the company doctor, and a new management.

In August 1990, Colin Rimer and John White had been appointed inspectors under the Companies Act. But they have not felt able to investigate the supergun affair or other alleged illegal arms trading with Iraq, despite the allegations made by Mr James.

These involved "senior UK politicians and civil servants and allegations of illegal arms deals involving foreign governments and government agencies and the security services of the UK and of other countries," the report notes, but gives no details. Mr James gave evidence to a House of Commons select committee into arms to Iraq, which is still the subject of an enquiry by Lord Justice Scott. The latter may call the former board as witnesses in due course.

The DTI is taking legal advice over the possible disqualification of former Astra directors, but no criminal proceedings are planned.

The DTI said it had sent the report to the Serious Frand Office for its consideration, but a spokeswoman for the SFO commented: "We vetted the case and decided not to take it on, and sent the papers back to the DTI."

The SFO would not say why they took the decision, but the prosecuting authority normally restricts itself to looking at alleged fraud that is a matter of public interest, where there is a degree of complexity and where significant funds are involved (often a lower limit of £5 million) The DTI said criminal charges were not planned, only disqualification of the directors.

Stoy Hayward said it was "astonished" to learn of the actions of the former directors but said the inspectors had concluded there was no evidence to suggest the auditor should have known of these.

Stoy Hayward said points in the report that affected the auditor were "concerned with interpretational or judgmental conclusions". These were refuted, and Stoy Harward will make its views known to the DTI. The Stock Exchange, singled out for its regulatory role during the 1989 rights issue that funded the PRB purchase, was contrite. "We're very sorry about it," said a spokeswoman. "It was quite a long time ago and we've had management changes since and tightened up our control, so it won't happen again."

The most damning allegation in the report is that while Astra's accounts for the year to March 1986 disclosed profits of £340,000, about 70 per cent of this was accounted for by the inclusion of a false invoice.

The inspectors decided that £120,000 of the money used to settle the invoice came from the bank account of John Anderson, a former director, who stands accused of deliberately trying to mislead the enquiry. Mr James's involvement was unclear, but the report finds that "he knows the whole story relating to the invoice, but that he was not prepared to tell us". Also condemned as refusing to tell is Christopher Gumbley, the former managing director, while James Miller, the former finance director, is said to have misled the inspectors.

Hanson loses to institutions

By Neil Bennett

HANSON, the Anglo-American conglomerate, has backed down in attempts to win greater control of its annual meetings only after a chorus protest from institutional shareholders. The group has scapped a motion on the subject at its extraordinary meeting next week.

Lord Hanson, the chairman, announced the U-turn yesterday and said the group will hold another egm next month to reinstate the company's proposals for a scrip dividend alternative to its normal cash payment which will be lost by the withdrawal of the motion. Only days ago the group had insisted the meeting would go ahead as planned.

"My previous letter to shareholders ... apparently gave some the impression that we were seeking to take draconian powers over shareholders and to restrict their rights. This I regret as, needless to say, this was not my intention," he said.

The company had been asking its shareholders to approve a motion which would prevent anyone with less than 10 per cent of the shares nominating a director and stop anyone with less than a 5 per cent stake proposing an amendment to a motion. Lord Hanson would have also been given powers to prevent anyone speaking more than once on a motion at the annual meeting, in an attempt to gag trouble-causers and hecklers.

The motion needed a 75 per cent majority.

The group was forced to withdraw the motion when it was contacted by a series of powerful shareholders who were prepared to oppose it.

The United Mineworkers of America, another Hanson investor, said the move was a victory for shareholder rights. The union represents 3,000 employees of Peabody, the group's coal mining subsidiary, who are striking to win better contract terms. Kenneth Zinn, the union's special projects co-ordinator, said the union plans to protest about the strike at next week's meeting.

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Underlying inflation rate at 25-year-low

By Colin Narbrough

ANNUAL inflation, at its lowest for more than 29 years, held steady at 1.3 per cent last month, but the more important underlying measure edged down from 2.9 per cent to 2.8 per cent, its lowest for a quarter of a century, government figures show.

Further deceleration in underlying inflation was welcomed by the Treasury and reinforced the City view that inflation is under control as the economy starts to recover.

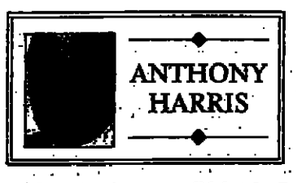
But the fresh fall in unemployment, plus the Bundesbank decision to leave its key lending rates unchanged, appeared to dash market hopes of an imminent cut in British base rates. At the official 4pm London close, sterling stood at DM12.5084, up more than 1.5 pfennigs. On a trade-weighted basis, it rose 0.4 to 79.8.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, told the Commons that changes in interest rates "can only be taken when one has the right circumstances".

The RPI rose 0.4 per cent in May to 141.1, giving an annual rise of 1.3 per cent. Underlying inflation was up 0.3 per cent in May, bringing the annual rate down to 2.8 per cent.

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Why summer sales are starting early



ANTHONY HARRIS

The Treasury is trying to put a brave face on it. Officials explain that the weakening of retail sales last month was due only to a fall of nearly 6 per cent in clothing shops, because of bad weather — or, if you talk to another official, because the end of the spring clearance sales. Both plausible — though a wet May is hardly unknown here, and as the Australian cricketers can testify, there were some bright intervals.

But if we settle for the price explanation, what does that "only" mean? Just what officials usually mean: that someone is trying to avoid thinking about a possibly important change. Acknowledge it, and you would have to try to estimate it, and then re-work a lot of price elasticity equations. Hard labour — but the model-builders should grit their teeth and start work.

The solidest evidence of a sea-change comes from the US. The current boom in office equipment (output up some 30 per cent in two years) is all cut price. "Sale" stickers have become a semi-permanent feature of shop window displays, yet the traditional stores have been having a thin recovery. In the early stages, virtually the whole growth in nation-wide consumer spending went to just two store groups, Walmart and K-Mart, both famous for their keen prices. They have attracted imitators, and no longer hog the market — but cut-price is still the rule.

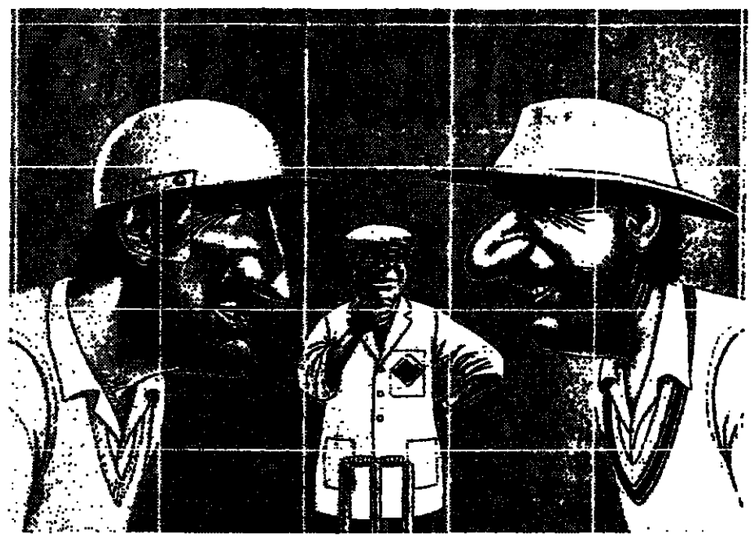
We do not get these helpful group-by-group figures on this side of the Atlantic, but there is plenty of anecdotal evidence. The stock market has already shaded its valuation of the main, high-margin supermarket chains because of growing competition from Kwik-Save and other price cutters: while in France, the explosive growth of the Leclerc chain and its rivals show how far this challenge could develop. A walk in London provides more. Cut-price books are already familiar, and some of the summer sales that traditionally start in late July have already opened. There is more to come: the chief executive of Volkswagen predicts merciless price pressure for the rest of the decade.

It is easy to understand why US buyers have become so tight-fisted: their real earnings have been stagnant for a decade. The French, too, have suffered a long squeeze, and Leclerc is doing for them what Sir Thomas Lipton did for the British working class in the long depression a century ago. In Britain, by contrast, the consumer boom is a recent memory, and the figures have shown strongly rising real incomes until this year. Spending, however, is constrained not only by the fear of unemployment, but by the unofficial tax levied by the banks, on top of their lending squeeze.

This has not been measured anywhere but, as has been stressed by William Siedman, the man who sorted out the US Savings and Loans mess, it is not trivial. Savers have had their incomes cut drastically (one reason why the Conservatives are losing seats), but borrowers are still paying money-lender rates. These vastly increased margins, on a loan book about equal to a year's national income, must have swallowed at least 2 per cent of incomes — probably more. Later, we will be able to estimate the burden from bank annual statements: add the rise in profits to the sums provided for bad debts, and you have the scale of it.

In due course, the bank tax will abate, as bankruptcies fall off and the bankers begin to compete for new business; to judge by Texas figures, this recovery takes about eight years. However, the governments of Britain, the US and most European countries will take up where the banks leave off; they have hardly begun to charge us for their own recessionary costs (mainly supporting the unemployed). As M Balladur has been warning us from Paris, and as the EC economists confirmed yesterday, this is not a cyclical accident, but a blinding medium-term headache.

There is little need to spell out the implications for profit margins or for luxury goods (such as cost-cutting at Mercedes). There is a need, to judge by the Mansion House speeches, to stress the happy implications for inflation; but no space. It all adds up to a stable but austere recovery. Never glad, confident morning again? Probably not, as long as there is a 19 at the top of the calendar.



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Trade chiefs in hush-hush Heathrow rendezvous

BY PHILIP PANGALOS AND COLIN NARBROUGH

MICKEY Kantor, America's trade representative, and Sir Leon Brittan, the European commissioner for trade, sought to speed up progress towards a world trade accord, but failed to resolve the inflamed issue of a bilateral telecommunications pact between Bonn and Washington.

After a six-hour, closed-door session at the Excelsior Hotel at Heathrow Airport, the trade negotiators disclosed little of the substance of the talks. But aides said the bilateral session focused mainly on market access and was intended as groundwork for a four-cornered meeting next Wednesday and Thursday, in Tokyo, at which Sir Leon and Mr Kantor would be joined by their Japanese counterparts.

The pace of negotiations, aimed at a world trade deal, has hotted up in recent weeks, with the Group of Seven leading industrial economies hoping to take a big step forward at the Tokyo summit early next month.

Mr Kantor said last week that Bonn and Washington had agreed to sidestep sanctions and counter-sanctions in a dispute over government contracts, prompting an outcry from Brussels, which is appalled at Germany's attempt to ignore Community rules and conclude a bilateral deal with America.

Sir Leon said that the German-American deal did not help efforts to reach an early accord on liberalised world trade. "I think it certainly complicates the issue." He stressed, however, that the issue was not the main item at the Heathrow meeting.

Mr Kantor said the meeting was one of a series, leading up to the Tokyo meeting. Both he and Sir Leon were hopeful that progress would be made before the G7 summit.

But Sir Leon said: "We have got to the stage where the pace is getting faster and the issues are getting more complex." He described the day as "very constructive and useful". Mr Kantor said that the meeting had been "looking at the building blocks to make up the package that we hope to put together in Japan". Sir Leon insisted that he and Mr Kantor had not been trying to make any bilateral agreements.

The talks were supposed to have been secret, but news of the meeting leaked out. The rather cloak-and-dagger rendezvous was also attended by a small team of advisers. Mr Kantor, who flew in the morning, left for Washington immediately after the talks, and is scheduled on to Japan.

Günter Rexrodt, the German economics minister, has written to Sir Leon that Germany sees no room to impose counter-sanctions against America in telecommunications. But he underlined that there was no German-American agreement about opening markets in telecommunications.

Herr Rexrodt said yesterday that the Uruguay round will have failed, if no agreement emerges by the end of this year. He said the damage to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade would be "enormous".

Pay deals settle at 4% to halt decline

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

EARNINGS increases are sticking at 4 per cent, halting a trend of decline, according to government figures yesterday.

That steadying, coupled with the sharp rise in the number of working days lost through industrial disputes, will concern ministers and business leaders who are looking for lower pay settlements, especially in the public sector.

Figures from the employment department showed the underlying increase in average earnings for the whole economy in April to be static at 4 per cent. Government economists accepted this was a setback, but thought the overall trend was likely to resume its downward course, pointing to a pay settlement rate that is still falling.

Pay deals feeding into this month's index included a rise for 207,000 non-manual retail food employees of 3.8 per cent (4.2 per cent last year), 2.9 per cent (3.7 per cent) for 180,000 workers covered by the food wages council and 1.5 per cent for 136,000 civil service support staff (from 4.25 per cent) and 111,000 doctors and dentists (from 6 per cent).

Manufacturing earnings increased by 5 per cent, a rise on last month's figure of 4.75 per cent, though the increase was kept level by a revision to last month's figures to take them to 5 per cent.

Similar revisions were made for earnings rises in the production sector.

Earnings increases in the service sector, though, continued their downward trend, falling from 3.75 to 3.5 per cent. All the figures also remain at 25-year lows, since earnings were running at 2.5 per cent in the early 1970s.

Unit labour cost rises also continued at near-record low levels. New figures for the manufacturing sector showed that wages and salaries per unit of output were 2.8 per cent lower than the corresponding period a year ago. This is below the rise in average earnings because of the continuing rises in productivity — 7.8 per cent over the period.

But in the face of the still low figures on earnings and unit wage costs, the labour market figures measuring industrial disputes showed a marked rise in April, reflecting the strikes in the rail and coal industries over jobs. Working days lost through strikes jumped from 70,000 in March to 150,000 in April — the highest monthly figure since March 1990, when 236,000 days were lost.

Of these days lost, 75 per cent were in the transport and communication sector — mainly the two 24-hour strikes that halted British Rail's network, with 25,000 days accounted for by the coal strikes. The number of disputes recorded by the employment department fell from 29 to 19, but the number of workers involved rose from 29,000 to 84,000.

The days lost in the spring strikes will push up the eventual annual total for 1993 beyond the record low levels recorded in previous recent years, but Whitehall officials stressed yesterday that the disputes were very concentrated in particular sectors and had not spread out more widely among the workforce.

JOHN MANNING



Driving forces: Cor Baan, left, with David Gill and John Gilchrist yesterday

Leyland DAF team comes out fighting

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

LEYLAND DAF Trucks, the new company bought out of receivership by a management team last week to control marketing and sales activities of the Leyland DAF Truck range in the UK, is "coming out fighting", according to David Gill, managing director of the new company.

Mr Gill said that Leyland DAF Trucks, a subsidiary of DAF Trucks NV of Eindhoven, had all the attributes necessary to play a leading role in the British truck industry. He predicted that the annual market for trucks over 3.5 tonnes in the UK would rise to between 33,000 and 34,000 in 1993, representing an increase of between 5 and 9 per cent on 1992.

Cor Baan, chairman of DAF Trucks NV, said that DAF Trucks hoped to realise the sale of more than 10,000 trucks, worth some £740 million, in its first year of trading after emerging from receivership in March.

Mr Baan said he was pleased that DAF Trucks has been able to conclude a long-term buying contract with Leyland Trucks Manufacturing, the new business involving the truck assembly operations at Leyland, Lancashire.

John Gilchrist, chief executive of Leyland Trucks Manufacturing, refused to discuss any of the financial details of the management buyout. It is understood, however, that Barclays Development Capital provided £5 million of funds, while National Westminster has funded working capital requirements.

He said Leyland Trucks Manufacturing would have a first-year turnover of about £140 million, including £50 million from DAF Trucks' purchase of 45 Series trucks and associated parts for sale on the Continent. Commercial vehicle sales and military sales to the defence ministry account for 96 per cent of all sales.

Nissan case 'based in Japan'

BY A CORRESPONDENT

A JURY was urged to spare Michael Hunt, Nissan UK's managing director, from his "ordeal" by clearing him of charges that he helped siphon off more than £200 million of his company's profits.

Michael Sherrard QC, defending, said the Southwark Crown Court trial, had centred on claims that those at the top of Nissan UK had spent nearly 17 years cheating the Inland Revenue out of £97 million in corporation tax. There had been allegations that the Worthing importers and distributors of Britain's best-selling foreign-made car had used "sham" shipping agents and "bogus" invoices, and laundered huge amounts through Swiss bank accounts.

But Mr Sherrard claimed an "invisible army of non-witnesses from Japan" had left the prosecution case with large gaps in its evidence.

The defence case was that the fraud had not been carried out by those in Nissan UK, but may have been perpetrated by the Japanese car makers themselves against their own tax authorities.

Mr Hunt, 59, of Tongdean Avenue, Hove, East Sussex, denies two counts of conspiracy to cheat the Revenue and two alternative conspiracy charges of making use of false accounting documents between October 1975 and December 1991.

The trial was adjourned until next Tuesday.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Norco liquidation threatens 800 jobs

MORE than 800 jobs were under threat after a leading retailer said it was going into liquidation. The Northern Co-operative Society, north-east Scotland's biggest retailer and a main employer in Grampian for 130 years, said last month it was trying to save the business through a merger with the Co-op Wholesale Society. But the Norco board said the deal had fallen through and it had no choice but to go into liquidation.

In an attempt to pay off debts of £7 million, the directors sold off the company's dairies, pharmacies, warehouses and some superstores. A board statement said shares, development bonds and small savings accounts would be protected with all investors receiving full repayment of capital.

AAH increases payout

AAH Holdings, the healthcare and distribution group, reported pre-tax profits in the year to end-March of £37.3 million (£38.8 million, restated under FRS 3). Trading profits were up 16 per cent to £41.9 million. Adjusted earnings per share rose from 31.8p to 32.8p, and a final dividend of 11.5p makes a total for the year of 17.3p, up 5.8 per cent. Healthcare services contributed £31.3 million (£26.7 million).

Hardy Oil & Gas rises

HARDY Oil & Gas, the independent UK oil and gas exploration company, has pushed up after-tax profits to £10.2 million (£7.2 million) in the year to end-March, helped by higher volumes rather than the dollar price of oil. The company did benefit a little in the second half from the steep fall of sterling against the dollar. Earnings per share were 11.3p (8.3p) and there is an unchanged dividend for the full year of 1p.

Electra lifts asset values

ELECTRA Investment Trust, which specialises in venture capital and management buyouts, lifted its net asset per share by 14.7 per cent to 318.65p in the six months to end March. The increase is less than the 16.7 per cent rise in the FT All-Share index over the same period, but Electra's listed porfolio outperformed the index. Pre-tax profits rose £653,000 to £9.4 million. The interim of 3.45p is up from 3.3p last time.

Cater Allen advances

CATER Allen, the discount house and financial services group, reported profits up from £8.1 million to £11.7 million after tax and rebate in the year to the end of April. It said it intended to raise the next interim dividend by 1p to 8p. Next year's results will be produced under different accounting policies. The final dividend was maintained at 20p, making a total for the year of 27p, 1p up from last time.

COMPANY NEWSSHEET

GEI INTL (Fin)
Pre-tax:£2.1m (£2.8m)
LPS:1.62p (EPS 5.86p)
Div:2.47p, mkg 4.94p
Last time's total dividend was 7.32p. Large amount of overseas earnings has led to high tax charge. Plan to cut costs.

OCEANA (Fin)
Pre-tax:£837,000
EPS:10.10p (2.31p)
Div:1.50p, mkg 1.50p
Last time's profit was £72,000. Last time's dividend was 1p. Turnover rose to £11.3 million (£9 million).

BRADSTOCK GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax:£4.5m (£4.2m)
EPS:5.32p (4.65p)
Div:1.55p (1.45p)
Turnover rose to £14.4 million from £12.3 million last time. Several retail broking operations bought during year.

DART GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax:£1.66m (£1.88m)
EPS:7.5p (9.4p)
Div:2p, mkg 3.3p (3.3p)
Profits fall mainly due to tighter margins in aviation services. Current trading indicates improved performance.

DAVENPORT KNITWEAR
Pre-tax:£1.4m (£1.2m)
EPS:56.72p (47.66p)
Div:8.525p, mkg 8.525p
Final. Last time's total dividend was 8.25p. Turnover in the period rose from £7.5 million to £8.6 million.

SAFELAND (Fin)
Pre-tax:£242,000
EPS:1p (0.8p)
Div:0.44p, mkg 0.50p
Last time's profit was £167,000. Last time's total dividend was 0.28p. New subsidiary to focus on property insurance.

THOMAS LOCKER (Fin)
Pre-tax:£421,000
EPS:0.42p (0.44p)
Div:0.65p, mkg 1p (1p)
Last time's profit was £347,000. Group turnover in the period rose from £36.03 million to £37.61 million.

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For the 12 months ended 31 March 1993

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PROFIT BEFORE TAX	£270m	£265m	1.8%
EARNINGS PER SHARE	69.9p	68.2p	2.5%
TOTAL DIVIDEND PER SHARE	21.1p	19.3p	9.3%

Severn Trent

These results are unaudited. A copy of the preliminary report will be sent to shareholders and may be obtained from: Company Secretary, Severn Trent Plc, 2308 Coventry Road, Birmingham B26 3JZ.

US trade deficit worsens

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

AMERICA'S trade deficit deteriorated to the worst level since December 1988 because of an unexpectedly sharp fall in exports. The latest trade statistics paint a picture of an economy unable to surmount its structural trade deficits, especially with Japan and most recently China, and will boost the hardliners in the Clinton administration, who advocated trade policies to bring down the deficit.

The merchandising trade deficit was $10.49 billion in April, according to the Commerce Department, similar to the revised March data of $10.45bn. The combined US trade deficit for the first four months of the year was $36.5 billion, again the worst performance since 1988. Both the revised figure for March and the April data are significantly higher than what had been predicted by analysts.

America entertains a deficit with most of the industrialised world, especially South-East Asia, but also Canada. The deficit with Japan widened in April to $5.5 billion, the largest since October 1987. The March deficit was $5.26 billion. The US has, however, achieved a small surplus in trade with western Europe.

The worsening of the trade deficit underlines the deterioration in the economic performance of America's key export markets, which resulted in the unexpected 1.3 per cent fall in exports to $38.38 billion.

Apart from the trade deficit, there was more bad news for the US economy yesterday. The Labour Department said that non-farm productivity, which rose strongly last year, declined by 1.6 per cent in the first quarter, the first decline in two years. However, the manufacturing sector continued to improve its efficiency, with productivity up by 4.8 per cent. In durable goods, it rose by 8.6 per cent.

Car output hits 16-year high

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

CAR production has reached its highest level for 16 years, underpinning government hopes that motor manufacturers can lead the fightback from recession.

Output of cars last month was 130,374, 23.78 per cent higher than the comparable period last year, and the highest May total since 1977. Production for the first five months of the year was also ahead by 9.08 per cent. British carmakers continue to defy the deep recession now sweeping through continental markets and also find new buyers in the rest of the world.

As a result, output for export in the first five months is 8.53 per cent up on the 247,438 total for the first five months of 1992. Last month's output for export was up by 10 per cent at 43,904, confirming the strong performance of British makers.

Car sales in the UK have led the way back from recession, starting to improve about 15 months ago and remaining strong throughout this year. Manufacturers turned increasingly to exports to keep assembly lines running at full speed during the recession. Just as they conquered new markets in Europe, recession moved in, with overall European sales down about 17 per cent so far this year.

The brunt of the fall in sales has had to be borne by foreign manufacturers, with British companies managing to maintain production. Roger King, director of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said: "Bearing in mind the extremely depressed state of the new car market throughout mainland Europe, the UK's output during May is extremely good news.

"The export production figure is also encouraging and reflects the energies of our exporters in the present tough conditions." However, the output of commercial vehicle manufacturers fell last month for the fourth successive month to 14,913 vehicles, down from 22,106 a year ago. Export production also fell to 6,272 vans and lorries from 12,167 in May, 1992, to give a total output for export in the first five months of 1993 of 42,974, against 63,870 vehicles in the same period a year ago.

Commercial vehicle production in the first five months of 1993 dropped 32.72 per cent to 89,032 units.



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Byatt questions linkage of water quality and price

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

IAN Byatt, the director general of water services, says he will closely monitor customer reaction to calculations by the water companies, which reckon they will need to raise prices by 6 per cent above inflation for the next five years just to achieve European legal standards of water quality.

The companies' market plans, published last month, suggested that many of them could maintain or even reduce prices if they merely had to meet the standards set in 1989, when the industry was privatised.

Mr Byatt also pointed out yesterday that some companies say the bills they envisage are more than customers want to pay.

He added: "The scale of these issues makes it essential that the secretaries of state for the environment and for Wales should take positive action this summer when giving their perspective on the trade off between water quality and higher bills.

"What they decide will set the scene for the first review of all price limits next year."

Mr Byatt continued: "I congratulate the companies for producing these market plans. Unlike 1989, customers are being involved in the prices they are being charged.

"Approving of the process, which I do, does not imply that I will sign up to the numbers in these market plans. I will need to examine them carefuly in the light of comments from customers.

"Customers must come first. To tell them that water is good value may be true, but they do not want to see their disposable income squeezed. Prices are more uncomfortable for customers when starting from a high base.

"The South West is a prime example. The recent increases in water bills have unleashed a political storm. There is a demand that others outside the region should contribute to the costs. But that appeal may look rather different as the costs of higher standards spread to other areas.

"We should put regulatory pressure on companies to deliver their products cheaply by cost cutting, by innovatory solutions, by lower margins — in short, by simulating the pressures of a competitive market.

"I also want to see downward convergence of prices. There has always been a significant spread of prices between companies. The divergences could increase further, but we should put the onus on companies to demonstrate that their costs are inevitably high rather than relying only on regulatory econometrics."

Mr Byatt was speaking at a conference on regulatory reform yesterday. He said regulators must be accountable. Customers came top of his list, they are consuming an essential commodity that many cannot obtain from alternative sources.

He said he felt accountable to government, to ensure national policy is carried out, to the water companies, to ensure they can finance their statutory duties, and to shareholders and creditors, because they provide an essential ingredient, capital, and must be assured of a reasonable rate of return.

Mr Byatt's comments come midway through the water company annual results reporting season. Severn Trent shares fell 13p to 483p yesterday after the company reported a fall in pre-tax profits from £274 million to £270.1 million for the year to end-March. The previous year, however, included an £8.6 million exceptional gain.

The total dividend for the year rises 9.3 per cent to 21.1p a share out of earnings down from 70.6p to 69.9p. Counting the 1991-2 exceptional item as an extraordinary, as reported at the time, earnings were 68.2p in the previous year.

Operating profits from water rose 15.3 per cent to £293 million and Severn says cost increases were contained to 1.5 per cent in spite of improvements to quality and customer service.

Waste management operating profits rose from £11 million to £12 million in what John Bellak, the chairman, described as difficult market conditions. Sales rose from £89.4 million to £103.7 million.

Interest charges, however, soared to £28.9 million from £4.3 million receivable in the previous year.

Southern Water raised profits before tax from £115.1 million to £119.2 million in the year to end-March. The total dividend for the year rises by 9.2 per cent from 19.5p to 21.3p out of earnings up from 64.2p to 66.3p. Leaving aside an exceptional item in the previous year earnings rose from 60.5p to 66.3p.

The level of net cash in Southern's balance sheet rose from £1.7 million to £15.5 million.

Profits at the regulated water business rose from £99.1 million to £111 million. Non-regulated business rose from £7 million to £8.4 million on sales of £77 million. Southern says around £20 million of these sales were outside the company. The group is keen to build up in engineering design, systems technology, environmental assessment, waste management and property. The company is making a virtue out of making no sudden diversification moves and of not operating in far flung corners of the world. The shares fell 4p to 505p.

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Dawson benefits from sterling fall


MICHAEL POWELL

Fashioning profits: Philip Kemp, left, Sir Ronald Miller and Nick Kuenssberg

BY OUR CITY STAFF

DAWSON International, the knitwear and consumer products group whose brands include Pringle and Ballantyne, benefited from the devaluation of the pound last year. The company, which raises 75 per cent of turnover overseas, estimates that a third of its UK business is with tourists visiting Britain.

Yesterday the company reported pre-tax profits 38 per cent higher at £32.1 million for the year to March 27, compared with £23.2 million in the previous year. Despite the increase, Sir Ronald Miller, chairman, gave warning that the company's markets were becoming more difficult and complex.

Sir Ronald said the improvement in trading he reported a year ago had rapidly evaporated as recession regained its grip on the UK and gained momentum in the important continental European and Japanese markets. Earnings rose to 13.3p per share from 7.3p. The total dividend payout is held at 9p.

The company said a shift in profits from the first to the second half of the financial year was likely to continue, reflecting retailers' shorter delivery cycles. Dawson has followed new accounting guidelines in presenting latest figures, restating the comparisons from the previous 12 months. Under old procedures, profits would have been just 6 per cent ahead. Turnover rose to £431.7 million from £414.9 million. Interest charges eased to £5 million from £5.5 million.

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Klöckner on course for return to profit

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

KLOCKNER-WERKE, the German steel and engineering group forced to seek court protection from its creditors last December, will be back on course for a profit later this year and aims to start paying a dividend again in 1995, Hans Christoph von Rohr, the management board chairman, said.

He was addressing the annual shareholders meeting in Duisburg yesterday only days after final district court approval was given for the restructuring plan for the company's DM2.7 billion debts. The rescheduling deal cuts the burden by DM1.4 billion.

Herr von Rohr said he expects all divisions, including steel, to be back in the black in the financial year starting in October. Klöckner expects to show a loss of about DM300 million on its troubled steel operations for the current financial year, and does not expect its engineering and plastic divisions to continue favourably after a profitable first half. In 1991-2, the group net loss was DM560 million. The company last paid a dividend on its 1989-90 results.

The chairman attributed much of his optimism about a bounce-back to the successful debt restructuring under the German equivalent of America's Chapter 11, which relieved pressure decisively on its steel operations at a time of great difficulties across the European steel industry.

S Wales Electricity clears debt

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

SOUTH Wales Electricity has become the first of the 12 power distributors in England and Wales to wipe out the debts that were painfully injected by the government ahead of the industry's privatisation in late 1990.

Final results from South Wales showed cash balances at the end-March financial year end of £9.8 million, against debts of £10 million a year previously. David Jones, the chief executive, said the group would stay in a similar net cash position for the next two years, at least until the forthcoming regulatory review of the core distribution business.

The debts were wiped out by South Wales's strong cash flow over the year. Pre-tax profits went ahead from £72.9 million to £87 million. The £9.1 million costs associated with the exit from the loss-making retail business were not repeated, which helped.

South Wales is following the other two distributors who have reported this week with hefty dividend increases. A final of 15.7p makes a total increased by 14.9 per cent to 22.3p, which will cost the company an extra £2.9 million.

Chloride continues batteries disposal

BY CARL MORTISHED

CHLORIDE, the electronics group headed by Ray Horrocks, wants to sell its African batteries business, which made profits of £2.7 million in the year to end-March, and reinvest the money in electronics, which made losses of £2.3 million.

The pre-tax loss for the year was up from £1.4 million to £1.5 million, while sales, affected by reduced demand in the recession, fell £10 million to £100 million. There is again no dividend.

Chloride has been steadily divesting itself of its batteries operations with the sale of the core business in 1991, to Hawker Siddeley for £43 million, while last year Chloride disposed of its interest in the sodium sulphur battery project. The sale of the African business is expected to fetch £30 million. Keith Hodgkinson, chief executive of Chloride, said that the strategy is to focus on the core businesses, which comprise emergency lighting, uninterrupted power supplies and power conversion units. Margins will improve through further efficiencies and cost control, he said.

Mr Hodgkinson said that the proceeds of the sale would be reinvested in businesses that would generate better quality earnings. Chloride's African operations, based in Egypt, Zimbabwe and Kenya, would be replaced by electronics profits in the UK, American and Europe. "We will also benefit from the use of accumulated tax losses," he said.

Chloride's emergency lighting business generated about £20 million of the £74 million electronics turnover. Chloride expects to benefit from EC rules requiring higher standards and regular servicing of emergency lighting. Uninterrupted power supplies produced sales of £40 million: the business provides power units that ensure continuous supply to computers in the event of power cuts as well cleaner power for on-line systems.


Horrocks selling

Regulator tells British Gas chiefs to stop bleating

BY A CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Gas was told yesterday to stop "bleating" about loss of profits under pressure from Ofgas, the industry watchdog, while also professing pleasure in cutting prices and improving services.

The rebuke came from Sir James McKinnon, director-general of gas supply, who was defending the way Ofgas regulates the industry.

In March, when Ofgas proposed splitting British Gas into up to 17 separate companies, Cedric Brown, chief executive of British Gas, accused it of irresponsibility. He said: "We expect a new blast from Ofgas every week."

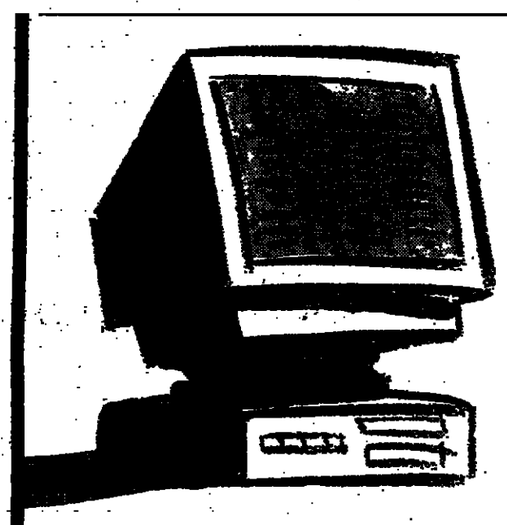
Sir James said: "Critics have characterised Ofgas as being prone to take action in a whimsical and irresponsible manner. No evidence has been provided in support of this contention. On the contrary, I and my Ofgas colleagues have been both vigorous and rigorous in fulfilling our duties."

As a result, domestic gas prices were down 20 per cent in real terms, with much higher service levels, he said. A quarter of industrial customers enjoyed reduced energy costs. "Put another way, regulation is working as intended," he said at the Regulatory Reform Conference in London.

"If it's hurting, then the regulatee should examine its own conscience before encouraging people to point accusatory fingers at the regulator. Instead of bleating about loss of profitability due to regulatory pressures, it should get its act together and then it could earn more money." British Gas, he said, had been complaining of being the "innocent victim" of interaction between Ofgas and the Office of Fair Trading.

Addressing the conference, Mr Brown called for new guidelines to cater for the "dramatic" increase in competition now taking place. A fair balance needed to be struck between generating profit on the one hand and taking responsibility for crucial obligations on the other, he said.

Utilities should be able to trigger a reference to the monopolies commission if there was a serious case of disagreement with the regulator. He said there was a case for diluting the power of individual regulators by involving more than one regulator in key decisions.



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Devro issue price set at 170p

Devro, the Moodiesburn, Scotland, firm which is the world leader in collagen sausage skins, yesterday launched its £224 million stock market flotation. The company is raising £136 million with £76 million for the company and the balance for existing shareholders.

At the issue price of 170p, investors are buying into the sausage skin business at a pro-forma historic multiple of 16.2 times on earnings per share of 10.5p. The notional gross dividend yield, which assumes the business was listed for a full year, is 4 per cent on a dividend of 5.5p for the year to December 31.

Out of 80 million shares being sold 52 million are being placed with institutions and 28 million offered to the general public by Charterhouse Bank. Application forms must be received by June 24 and dealings commence on June 30.

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Molyneux deal

Molyneux Estates, the USM-quoted property company, is buying our troubled Palmerston Holdings' half-share of the Overgate Centre in Dundee, Scotland, which it acquired jointly with Molyneux in 1989. Funding for the deal is costing Molyneux £550,000 plus the repayment of £2.9 million in loans and interest to Palmerston.

Derwent buy

Derwent Valley Holdings, the property group, yesterday announced the £10.3 million cash purchase of freehold office and retail properties, which will take it more into the provinces. It also announced it is to raise £16.9 million after expenses through a placing and open offer of 3.9 million new shares at 450p a share.

Daimler hopes

Daimler-Benz, Germany's leading industrial conglomerate, which plans to seek a New York listing this year, foresees a recovery in profits next year to possibly double the net DM1 billion profit expected this year, Gerhard Liener, the finance director, said in a newspaper interview.

Booker change

Booker, the food group, has promoted chief executive Jonathan Taylor to the chairman's job. Mr Taylor, 57, has been chief executive since 1984. He replaces Sir Michael Caine, who is retiring. Charles Bowen, 51, has been recruited as chief executive from rival food group Hillsdown Holdings.



Bottom line: David Goldstone, chairman, has accepted Savills' figures as a base value for Regalian's assets

Write-downs help send Regalian to £83m loss

By Carl Mortished

■ **Regalian's auditors are likely to draw attention to uncertainties over asset values and cash flows, although the annual accounts will not be qualified**

REGALIAN Properties has adopted a fire-sale valuation on its business, writing down its residential holdings by £44.9 million, including a £20 million hit on its luxury Kensington Palace Gardens development and a £14.8 million provision on development sites.

The company has decided to adopt a recent valuation by Savills, the surveyor, which was commissioned by Regalian's bankers to draw a bottom line on the assets.

The write-downs have sent losses for the year to March 31 plunging to £83.5 million from 1992's deficit of £26.8 million and the company will not be paying a dividend.

David Goldstone, chairman, said the company's auditors, who last year qualified the accounts because they were uncertain as to the need for further provisions, would this year produce an unqualified opinion. However they will be adopting the new form of audit report in order to draw attention to uncertainties over asset values and cashflows.

Mr Goldstone said that last year's optimism about the economy had persuaded the company not to make such large provision in 1992. "We sold a lot of property in the previous year end; there were great hopes and all that talk about green shoots," he said. There was a risk that this time Regalian might be accused of overproviding.

The losses have hit Regalian's workforce which suffered a shakeout last year; the company paid out £1 million in redundancy costs and extra pension provision, including compensation of about £300,000 to Lee Goldstone, the chairman's son.

Regalian needs to sell one flat a month at Kensington Palace Gardens to keep its cashflow forecast on track and its bankers at bay. The company has sold nine flats since the end of its financial year and Mr Goldstone reckons that completion on the remaining 11 combined, with sales of the rump of the units at Free Trade Wharf will substantially eliminate the group's borrowings, down from £130 million in March 1992 to £42 million.

Kensington Palace Gardens is believed to have cost Regalian some £80 million with £20 million for the site alone. Mr Goldstone now reckons its value is over £57 million. The company's site at Paddington Basin, jointly owned with NFC, is unlikely to be developed as offices and Regalian now plans partial residential development in line with the company's new strategy.

A South East Asian joint venture partner has been signed up and Mr Goldstone says Regalian will project manage low to middle-market inner London residential projects, with its partner, sharing profits. "We will be doing inner city refurbishment, the sort of thing we did so successfully in the 1980s," he said.

The change of strategy at Paddington has led to a £5.4 million write-down on Regalian's half-share of the site which is in the books at £16.7 million. Net assets have fallen from £122 million to £43 million as a result of the losses, which takes net asset value per share down from 104.8p to 36.5p.

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STOCK MARKET

Lucas takes knock after offering little cheer

LUCAS Industries, the automotive and aerospace group, fell 5p to 131p, bad news for the small army of tipsters following the shares these days.

Sir Anthony Gill, who retires as chairman later this year, entertained a select number of brokers to dinner at the Paris Air Show on Wednesday night, but could offer them little in the way of good cheer. The message that came across indicated that trading in Europe remained difficult, with little sign of an upturn.

The fact that the aerospace operations are finding the going tough, along with the German brakes division, is not news. It has been known for some time. However, the situation at the French diesel injection business is not as gloomy as some brokers would have us believe.

Nevertheless, there were some brokers who returned to London yesterday who would have us believe that the uncovered dividend will now be cut. The company is more than irritated by such suggestions and was quick to point this out.

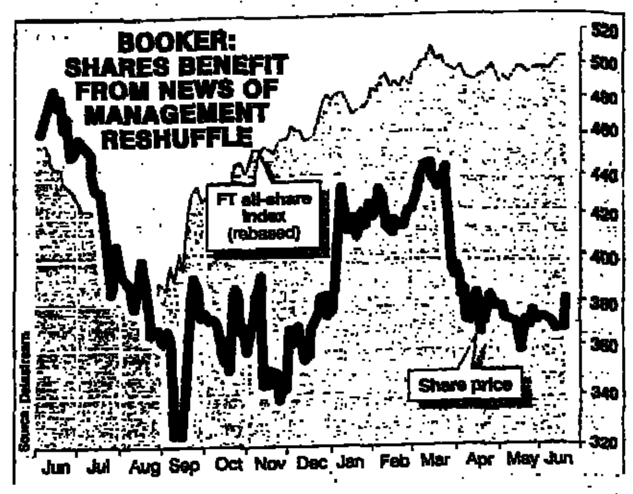
Lucas said that no decision on the dividend would be made until October, at the earliest. Figures in the first half were little changed on the breakeven achieved during the corresponding last year, but brokers are forecasting a return to the black in the current year, with pre-tax profits of about £40 million compared with a deficit of £67 million last time.

One man who has every faith in the company is Sir Anthony, who added to his holding recently, with the purchase of an extra few thousand shares.

The rest of the equity market gave up an early lead as it digested the latest batch of economic news, including the inflation average earnings and unemployment figures. Hopes of a cut in German interest rates by the Bundesbank at its regular fortnightly meeting were dashed.

The FT-SE 100 index ran out of steam and closed near its low for the day, 7.3 points down at 2,875.7. Trading remained thin, with just 555 million shares changing hands.

Booker, the food distributor, was a firm spot, climbing 13p to 381p, after issuing details of a boardroom reshuffle. Jonathan Taylor has been appointed chairman in succession to Sir Michael Caine. Charles Bowen was appointed chief executive. **Securiguard**, the security and industrial cleaning group, was steady at 301p, awaiting the next move by **Rentokil** in its £59 million battle for control of the company. Last week, Rentokil extended its cash offer of 270p a share by a further seven days and may choose to extend the offer again today when the deadline runs out. Rentokil eased 1p to 185p.



There was further selective support for computer companies, with **Logica** climbing 13p to 255p and **Tadpole Technology** ending 14p better at 321p.

The shares have been a big success story since they were floated earlier this year. But there is mounting speculation that the group may take advantage of the strength of the shares and launch a rights issue for extra funds. **Victaulic** fell 62p to 253p after a profits warning before a meeting with analysts next week. Sales of pipes and fittings to British Gas have been affected by the prolonged uncertainty resulting from the delayed publication of a report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Severn Trent Water fell 13p to 483p after giving a warning that there were few signs of improvement in the economy. Last year, the group raised pre-tax profits by £5 million to £270 million. Its latest acquisition, Biffa, the waste disposal group, which it bought last year from BET for £212 million, made solid progress in spite of difficult trading conditions. But it is likely to be next year before the group really starts to perform.

The rest of the water companies presented a mixed appearance after Ofwat, the regulatory authority, said that annual price increases of 6 per cent above inflation would be needed to achieve higher legal standards of water quality over the next five years.

Falls were recorded in **Anglian**, 7p to 476p, **North West**, 7p to 467p, **Severn Trent**, 13p to 483p, **Southern**, 4p to 505p, **South West**, 2p to 486p, and **Thames**, 10p to 466p. There were gains for **Northumbrian**, 4p to 581p, **Welsh**, 2p to 578p, **Wessex**, 4p to 581p, while **Yorkshire** traded all-square at 489p.

Elsewhere among the utilities, **South Wales Electricity** was unchanged at 548p in spite of a 15 per cent increase in the dividend payout. Pre-tax profits last year grew from £72.9 million to £87 million.

Guinness, up 6p at 495p, and **LVMH**, its French associate, have embarked on a damage limitation exercise after gloomy trading comments. On Wednesday, Guinness told French institutions it was still looking for an improvement. LVMH gave a similar message in London yesterday.

☐ Gilt-edged prices at the longer end of the market were cheered by the latest economic news.

The prospect of a revival in the economy on the back of a low inflation rate appealed to many investors. But fading prospects of a reduction in interest rates left the shorter end neglected, and prices lower on the day.

On the futures market, the September series of the long gilt added 15 ticks to £105 5/16 as 55,000 contracts were completed. In the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2008 rose 19 ticks to £106 19/32 while in shorts, Treasury 7¼ per cent 1998 was four ticks lower at £100 21/32.

MICHAEL CLARK

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES — 071-782 7344

PUBLIC NOTICES

NIGEL TIMOTHY PATRICK MEADE-NEWMAN whose last known address was Palma, Mallorca in 1986/87. Would any person knowing the whereabouts of the above contact Taylor Joynson Garrett at Carmelite, 50 Victoria Embankment, Blackfriars, London EC4Y 0DX (071 353-1234) REF. CWB as it would be to their advantage following the death of his father Patrick William Meade-Newman.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A ZOO LICENCE
I, Mr Peter Stybelski, Director of Leisure Services, The Wellsprings, Civic Centre, Bolton, BL1 1US hereby give notice that in not less than two months after the publication of this notice I intend to make application to the Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council for a licence to operate a proposed zoo at Animal World, Moss Bank Park, Moss Bank Way, Bolton.
A written notice of the intention to make application for a zoo licence, giving details about the proposed zoo, has been sent to the said Council. This may be inspected, free of charge, at the offices of the Council at the Department of Leisure Services, The Wellsprings, Civic Centre, Bolton between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm.
Peter Stybelski, Director
Department of Leisure Services
Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council

LEGAL NOTICES

Absolutely Textiles Limited
The Insolvency Act and Rules 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106, I, L J Bachr of Bachr Lubbock Fine, Russell Bedford House, 250 City Road, London, EC1V 2QQ, give notice that on 11 June 1993 I was appointed Liquidator of Absolutely Textiles Limited by resolutions of members and creditors.
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 30 July 1993 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned L J Bachr of Russell Bedford House, 250 City Road, London, EC1V 2QQ, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.
Dated: 14 June 1993.
L J Bachr, Liquidator.

D D RUBBER ENGRAVING LTD
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester on Friday the 25th day of June 1993 at 10.30 in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Stephen Lord of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
Dated this 15th day of June 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
N ARMSTRONG, DIRECTOR.

Inspection Control Limited
In Administrative Receivership
Registered Number: 948920
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at Coach House Hotel, Newport Pagnell, at 1230 hrs on Monday 21st June for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented. Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at LEONARD CURTIS & PARTNERS, not later than 1200 hrs on 18 June 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
D Swaden, FCA
Joint Administrative Receiver

INTERFOX INTERNATIONAL
(In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS On 7 June 1993 the above company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman of Arthur Andersen, PO Box 56, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, was appointed Liquidator by the Members.
The Liquidator gives notice, pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to Martin Fishman c/o Arthur Andersen, PO Box 56, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT by 15 July 1993.
The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 13 August 1993 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 15 July 1993 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors.
The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full.
Dated 15th June 1993
M. FISHMAN, Liquidator

JOHN GEORGE RICE
IN BANKRUPTCY
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co., Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD, was appointed Trustee of John George Rice on 1 June 1993 by an Order of the Secretary of State.
DATED 9th day of June 1993
N G Hamilton-Smith – Trustee

SHOE LANE PARKING LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
Principal Trading Address: 70/72 Shoe Lane, London, EC4A 3BQ
Company Number: 837348
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 2 June 1993 Christopher Morris was appointed liquidator of the above named company (creditors' voluntary winding up).
Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to the liquidator at the following address under reference: NDN/GXH/
Touche Ross & Co P O Box 810, Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP

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(All in Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that meetings of the creditors of the above named companies will be held at Leyland Leisure Centre, Lancaster Gate, Leyland, Preston, PR5 1EX on Friday 9th July 1993. The first meeting will be for Leyland DAF Limited and will commence at 2.00 pm. The meetings for other above listed companies will commence at 2.05pm, 2.10pm, 2.15pm and 2.20pm respectively, for the purposes set out in S48 of the Insolvency Act 1986. A copy of the report being presented will be sent to all unsecured creditors so far as the Receivers are aware of their address.
A person is entitled to vote at the meetings only if he has given to the Receivers, not later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the above day fixed for the meetings, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the companies, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receivers for voting purposes. A creditor is entitled to attend and vote at the above meetings may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him.
Dated this 15th day of June 1993
M.L. McKillop,
Joint Administrative Receiver

MARCO POLO (INTERNATIONAL) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS at 1100 hours on Wednesday, 7 July 1993 for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the Report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The Meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a Committee to exercise the functions conferred on Creditors' Committees by or under the Act.
Creditors are only entitled to vote if:
(a) they have delivered to us at the address shown below, no later than 1200 hours on Tuesday, 6 July 1993 written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the Company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, and
(b) there has been lodged with us any proxy which the Creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Date: 13 June 1993
Brian Lawrence Lasky and Melvyn Laurence Rose
Joint Administrative Receivers

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
BRI (EUROPE) LIMITED
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
Notice is hereby given that we, Dermot Brendan Coakley of Leach Bright & Partners, Barratt House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5HG and Richard Eaglesfield Floyd of Floyd Harris, 9 Beaufort Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 2TH were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company on 31 March 1993.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Mr Coakley at the above address.
No further public notice or advertisement to prove debts will be given.
Date: 2 June 1993
D B Coakley and R E Floyd
Joint Liquidators

NO. 004827 OF 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF CCS GROUP PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was on 28th May 1993, presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named company from £4,200,000 to £1,340,870.10 and the cancellation of the share premium account of the company as at 30th March 1993.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 30th day of June 1993.
ANY creditor or shareholder of the said company desiring to oppose the making of an order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital and cancellation of the share premium account of the company should appear at the time of hearing in person or by counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 18th day of June 1993.
Messrs. Sebastian Coleman & Co., Solicitors of St Bartholomew House, 92 Fleet Street, London EC4Y 1DH, agents for Messrs. Wragge & Co., Solicitors of 55 Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 2AS, solicitors for the above-named company.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
ANTRONICS POWER LIMITED
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
Notice is hereby given that I, Dermot Brendan Coakley, Chartered Accountant, of Leach Bright & Partners, Barratt House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5HG, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 10 June 1993.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me at the above address.
No further public notice or advertisement to prove debts will be given.
Date: 10 June 1993
D B Coakley, Liquidator

VITALCHOICE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, Victoria House, 76 Milton Street, Nottingham, NG1 3QY on 25 June 1993 at 10.00am. The purposes of the meeting are to receive a statement of affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
Richard James Rees FCA of Price Waterhouse, Victoria House, 76 Milton Street, Nottingham, NG1 3QY will provide a creditor free of charge with information concerning the company's affairs that they may reasonably require.
Proxies for use at the meeting must be returned to Victoria House, 76 Milton Street, Nottingham, NG1 3QY by 12.00 noon on 24 June 1993 and claims must be made in writing and may be made to the same address.
By order of the board.
Dated 14 June 1993
W E Smithurst, Secretary

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Panatec Sound and Vision Centre Limited
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, Raymond Hocking, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 4 June 1993. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated 10 June 1993
R Hocking, Liquidator.

No 005169 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF DOMESTIC & GENERAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
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IN THE MATTER OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 10th June 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice by the above-named The Western Australian Insurance Company Limited ("TWA") for:
(1) the sanction under Section 49 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 ("the Act") to a Scheme providing for the transfer to the above named Domestic & General Life Assurance Company Limited ("DGLA") of the whole of the long-term business (as defined by the Act) carried on by TWA, and
(2) an Order making ancillary provision in connection with the said transfer under Section 50 of the said Act.
A copy of the Petition (having appended thereto a copy of the Scheme) together with a copy of the Report on the terms of the Scheme by an Independent Actuary (as required by Section 49 of the said Act) may be inspected at the office of TWA and DGLA situate at Swan Court, 2A Mansel Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 4AA during normal business hours for a period of 21 days from the publication of the Notice.
The Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 14th day of July 1993 and any person, including any employee of TWA or DGLA, who claims to be adversely affected by the Scheme may appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. Any person who intends to so appear, and any policy holder of TWA who dissents from the Scheme but does not intend to so appear, should give two clear days prior notice in writing of such intention or dissent, and the reasons therefor to the undermentioned Solicitors.
Copies of the documents specified above will be furnished by such Solicitors to any person requiring the same at any time prior to the making of an Order sanctioning the Scheme on payment of the prescribed charge therefor.
DATED this 11th day of June 1993
Davies Arnold Cooper, 6-8 Bouverie Street, London, EC4Y 8DD.
Solicitors for The Western Australian Insurance Company Limited and Domestic & General Life Assurance Company Limited

WALL STREET

Dow cautious ahead of triple witching

New York — Wall Street shares remained flat in early trading, hit by caution ahead of today's triple witching, weakness in airlines and technology shares and concern over budget news from Washington. Gerald Simmons, director of institutional trading at Interstate/Johnson Lane, said: "The main news is the weakness in the airlines. I'm surprised they haven't dragged the rest of the market down with them." The Dow Jones industrial average was up 0.55 to 3,512.20. Advancing issues and declining shares were almost equal. US Treasuries were mixed.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended mixed as concerns over the fate of the government of Kiichi Miyazawa's, the prime minister, kept traders wary. But the Nikkei average retraced early losses on bargain-hunting and stemmed a three-day losing streak, brokers said. Kenichi Nagasu, of Cosmo Securities, said: "The market is already becoming immune to the political crisis, even though we can't be too optimistic. It all depends on how much effect it could have on the economy." The Nikkei average was up 23.09 points, or 0.12 per cent, to 19,925.51, with an estimated 300 million shares traded.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Share prices ended sharply lower on disappointment over the lack of progress in Sino-British talks on Hong Kong and market rumours linked to the weakening Chinese currency, brokers said. The Hang Seng index finished down 115.73 points, or 1.58 per cent, at 7,189.10.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times industrial index closed at 1,812.99, little changed from 1,811.66.

☐ **Sydney** — The All-ordinaries index closed, up 2.5 points, at 1,727.2. *(Reuter)*

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
Morland	540p (+12p)	Gibbs & Dandy	58p (-10p)
Berkeley Group	385p (+12p)	British Vita	225p (-9p)
Bradstock	137p (+8p)	Victaulic	253p (-62p)
Evans Halshaw	318p (+8p)	Liberty Life	924p (-7p)
Hammerson 'A'	338p (+9p)	Euro Disney	845p (-8p)
Logica	255p (+13p)	Ranger	350p (-15p)
Volex	421p (+10p)	Sappi	454p (-8p)
Booker	381p (+13p)	BAA	721p (-7p)
JN Nichols	563p (+15p)	NFC	242p (-7p)
Savoy Hotel 'A'	835p (+30p)	Yule Catto	271p (-21p)
AAH	517p (+14p)		
London Int	188p (+10p)		

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RECENT ISSUES

AG Holdings (125)	128	...	OGC (130)	128	...
Break for the Border (48)	58	...	Phonelink (155)	228	-4
Bruntcliffe Aggregates (25)	40	+3	Pilkington Warrants	33	-½
China Inv Trust (100)	94	...	Quayle Munro (118)	138	...
China Inv Warrants	53	...	RJB Mining (250)	229	-9
Division Group (40)	80	-1	RPC (125)	162	...
Drew Scientific (105)	130	...	Sungard Data	£20	...
Fine Decor (210)	252	-1	Zeneca (600)	621	-2
First Spanish Wrnts 1997	12½	...			
Fleming Chrlse C (100)	104	...	**RIGHTS ISSUES**		
Inveresk (150)	171	...	British Land n/p (245)	67	+4
Irish Continental	165	...	Brixton Este n/p (155)	40	-½
Ivory & Sime ISIS Tst (100)	97½	-1	Ferraris n/p (55)	1½	+½

	Jun 17 midday	Jun 16 close
AMR Inc	62	62
AMR Corp	61	66
Abbott Labs	27	27
Aetna Life	54	54
Ahmanson (HF)	17	17
Air Prod & Chem	40	41
Albertson's	54	54
Alcan Alumium	18	18
Alco Standard	49	49
Allied Signal	69	66
Alum Co of Am	66	65
Amax	21	21
Amerada Hess	49	50
Amer Brands	33	33
Amer Cyanamid	52	52
Amer El Power	35	35
Amer Express	29	29
Amer Genl Corp	31	31
Amer Home Pr	67	68
Amer Intl	128	128
Amer Stores	45	45
Amer T & T	62	62
Ameritech	78	77
Amoco	57	57
Anheuser-Busch	50	50
Apple Computer	41	42
Archer Daniels	24	24
Arkla	10	10
Armco	6	6
Armstrong Wrld	30	30
Asarco	19	19
Ashland Oil	26	25
Atl Richfield	119	118
Auto Data Pro	48	49
Avery Dennison	28	29
Avon Products	54	54
Baker Hughes	26	27
Baltim Gas & El	24	24
Banc One	52	51
BankAmerica	45	44
Bank of NY	56	55
Bankers Tr NY	70	69
Barnett Banks	46	46
Bausch & Lomb	49	50
Baxter Intl	28	28
Becton Dickinsn	39	39
Bell Atlantic	55	56
BellSouth	53	54
Black & Decker	20	20
Block (H&R)	35	36
Boeing	38	39
Boise Cascade	24	24
Borden Inc	18	18
Bristol Myrs Sq	60	60
Browning Ferris	27	27
Burlington Nthn	50	50
CBS	239	240
CNA Financial	93	93
CPC Intl	41	41
CSX	69	68
Campbell Soup	39	39
Can Pacific	15	15
Cpd Cities ABC	538	539
Cpd Holdings	38	37
Carolina Pwr	31	32
Caterpillar	76	77
Central & SW	31	31
Champion Intl	32	32
Chase Manhat	30	30
Chemical Bk	39	39
Chevron Corp	89	90
Chrysler	46	46
Chubb Corp	81	80
Cigna Corp	59	59
Citicorp	27	27
Clorox	49	49
Coastal Corp	26	26
Coca Cola	42	42
Colgate-Palmolive	55	55
Columbia Gas	24	24
Commonw Ed	27	27
Compaq Comp	54	54
Comp Ass Intl	27	28
Conagra	29	29
Cons Edison	34	34
Cons Nat Gas	52	52
Conr Rail	52	51
Cooper Inds	49	48
Corning Inc	35	35
Crown Cork	39	39
Dana Corp	51	52
Dayton Hudson	64	64
Deere	64	66
Delta Air Lines	49	49
Deluxe Corp	38	38
Detroit Edison	33	33
Digital Equip	41	42
Dillard Dept St	37	37
Disney (Walt)	43	43
Dominion Res	42	42
Donnelley (RR)	29	29
Dover Corp	47	47
Dow Chemicals	56	56
Dow Jones	27	27
Dresser	23	23
Duke Power	39	39
Dun & Bradstreet	58	57
Du Pont	50	49
Eastman Kodak	52	53
Eaton Corp	80	80

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Emerson Elec	60	60
Engelhard Corp	35	35
Enron Corp	59	59
Entergy Corp	34	34
Ethyl Corp	28	28
Exxon	66	66
FMC Corp	42	42
FPL Group	37	37
Federal Express	45	44
Fed Nat Mtge	79	79
First Chicago	39	38
First Interstate	58	58
First Union Rlty	10	10
Fleet Finl Grp	31	31
Fluor Corp	40	40
Ford Motor	50	49
GTE Corp	35	35
Gannett	47	48
Gap Inc Del	32	32
Gen Cinema	35	35
Gen Dynamics	95	99
Gen Electric	95	95
Gen Mills	64	63
Gen Motors	41	41
Gen Reinsurance	109	109
Gen Signal	66	66
Genuine Parts	34	34
Georgia Pac	58	57
Gillette	48	48
Glaxo ADR	17	18
Goodrich (BF)	44	44
Goodyear Tire	38	38
Grace (WR)	39	39
Grt Atl Pac Tea	34	34
Great Wstn Fin	16	16
Halliburton	39	39
Heinz (HJ)	36	36
Hercules	73	73
Heubley Foods	49	49
Hewlett Packard	80	83
Hilton Hotels	49	48
Home Depot	42	42
Homestake Mng	18	18
Honeywell	37	37
Household Intl	65	65
Houston Inds	43	43
Humana	10	10
ITT Corp	83	84
Illinois Tool	76	75
INCO	22	22
Ingersoll Rand	34	34
Inland Steel	25	25
Intel Corp	55	56
IBM	49	50
Intl Flav & Fr	115	117
Intl Paper	64	63
James River Va	20	20
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	45	45
K Mart	22	22
Kellogg	53	52
Kerr-McGee	50	50
Kimberly-Clark	47	47
Knight-Ridder	52	52
Lilly (Eli)	50	50
Limited Inc	23	24
LIN Brdcstng	100	100
Lincoln Nat	74	74
Litton	56	56
Liz Claiborne	32	32
Lockheed Corp	62	62
Louisiana-Pac	30	29
MCI Commun	55	55
Marriott	26	26
Marsh & McLnn	85	85
Masco Corp	30	29
May Dept St	37	36
Maytag Corp	15	15
McCaw Cellular	41	41
McDonalds	49	49
McDonnell D	70	70
McGraw Hill	58	57
Mead Corp	44	44
Medtronic	65	64
Mellon Bk	53	53
Melville Corp	46	47
Merck Inc	38	38
Merrill Lynch	73	72
Minnesota Mine	107	108
Mobil Corp	74	73
Monsanto	59	59
Morgan (JP)	67	66
Motorola Inc	83	82
Natl Medical	9	9
Natl Semi	16	16
Natl Service Ind	25	25
Navistar Int C	2	2
NBD Bancorp	32	31
NY Times A	23	23
Newmont Mng	49	49
Niag Mohawk	24	27
Nike B	67	67
NL Industries	3	4
Nordstrom	28	29
Norfolk Sthm	63	63
Nthn State Pwr	45	44
Norwest Corp	50	49
Nynex Corp	89	88
Occidental Pet	21	21
Ohio Edison	24	24
Oracle Systems	44	43

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Oryx Energy Co	21	21
Owens Corning	40	40
PNC Financial	30	31
PPG Industries	69	69
Pactar Inc	57	57
Pacificorp	18	18
Pac Enterprises	24	24
Pac Gas & Elect	33	33
Pac Telesis	48	48
Pall Corp	17	17
Panhandle East	23	23
Paramnt Comm	52	52
Parker Hannifin	33	33
Penney (JC)	47	47
Pennzoil	64	64
Pepsico	36	35
Pfizer	74	73
Phelps Dodge	44	43
Philadel Elec	29	29
Philip Morris	48	49
Phillips Pet	29	29
Pitney Bowes	41	41
Polaroid	37	37
Price Co	37	38
Primerica	45	45
Procter & Gmbl	49	48
Pub Serv E & G	33	33
Quaker Oats	72	71
Ralston Purina	44	44
Raychem Corp	43	44
Raytheon	59	58
Reebok Intl	29	29
Reynolds Metals	44	44
Roadway Srvcs	53	53
Rockwell Intl	33	33
Rohm & Haas	56	56
Royal Dutch	94	93
Rubbermaid	30	30
Safeco Corp	56	55
St Paul's Cos	80	79
Salomon Inc	37	36
Santa Fe S Pac	15	15
Sara Lee Corp	25	24
Scecorp	48	48
Schering Plough	69	69
Schlumberger	65	65
Scott Paper	32	32
Seagram	26	26
Sears Roebuck	52	52
Shell Trans	57	57
Sherwin Wllms	31	31
Skyline Corp	17	17
Snap-On-Tools	38	38
Southern Co	41	41
Swestern Bell	38	38
Sprint Corp	31	31
Stanley Works	45	45
Sun Company	24	24
Suntrust	44	44
Supervalu	33	33
Syntex Corp	18	18
Sysco Corp	26	26
TRW Inc	66	66
Tandem Comp	12	12
Tandy Corp	30	29
Telecom Corp	4	3
Teledyne	20	21
Temple Inland	41	41
Tenneco	47	47
Texaco	64	65
Texas Inst	70	70
Texas Utilities	45	45
Textron	52	53
Time Warner	37	38
Times-Mirror	29	29
Timken	32	33
Torchmark	52	52
Toys R Us	37	39
Transamerica	59	59
Travelers Corp	28	28
Tribune	53	52
Tyco Labs	41	41
UAL Corp	122	120
UST Inc	29	28
USX Marathon	17	17
Unilever NV	109	109
Union Camp	42	42
Union Carbide	18	19
Union Pacific	60	60
Unisys Corp	10	11
USAIR Group	16	17
USF&G Corp	17	17
US Life	39	39
US West	44	44
United Tech	53	53
Unocal Corp	30	30
Upjohn	30	31
VF Corp	48	48
WMX Tech	34	35
Wal-Mart Stores	25	25
Warner-Lambert	71	72
Wells Fargo	100	98
Westinghouse El	15	15
Weyerhaeuser	41	40
Whirlpool	52	52
Whitman	13	13
Winn Dixie	55	55
Woolworth	28	28
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	34	35
Xerox	77	78

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No such word as redundancy in Japanese social contract

The egalitarianism found in Japanese companies, and so lacking in the West, is surviving another downturn, writes Joanna Pitman



Salary swing: some staff are paid to stay away from work, the cost of their leisure being less than job cuts

Japan's political and economic leaders have begun, albeit tentatively, to hint that the Japanese economy might just be about to emerge from its worst downturn since the second world war. Japan's self styled recession, however, was only ever relative. Economic growth slowed to 1.5 per cent last year, while unemployment rose to 2.2 per cent. Crowds thronging the exclusive shopping grounds of Ginza in Tokyo ceased to resemble those of a Christmas eve on Oxford Street every day of the week, though still did at weekends. Car manufacturers had a disastrous year — Toyota made pre-tax profits of just Y376 billion (£2.2 billion).

Few companies have been able to weather the recession as comfortably as Toyota, which retained its number one ranking in terms of profits for the last fiscal year. A profits squeeze resulting from shrinking consumer demand has forced many firms to close plants to make up for overcapacity bred during the inflationary and expansionist latter half of the 1980s, when domestic credit expanded rapidly, pushing asset prices up to two or three times their realistic value.

After several years of turmoil, Japan's bubble is well and truly deflated, and the nation's normally robust levels of economic growth (which averaged 4.3 per cent between 1974 and 1985) have levelled out in the 1 to 2 per cent range. While Japan's slowdown has been nothing like the recession in Britain, it has shocked corporate Japan. Lessons have been drawn from over-extension during the boom years and ruthless cost-cutting measures have been introduced. Management has been forced to alter employee structures and implement reviews of the hallowed concept of lifetime employment, the potent social contract perceived to bind the loyalty of employees to their companies.

But just as Japan's definition of recession is quite different from Britain's, Japan's interpretation of the word redundancy is likewise all but unrecognisable to foreign ears. "Swingeing job cuts", the Japanese (and some of the foreign) press would have us believe, are sweeping through corporate Japan. Foreign words for unfamiliar foreign phenomena, such as *ray-offu* (lay off) and *ri-storu* (restructuring), have peppered Japanese economic reports all year. But the reality is quite different from what the English terms imply.

When Nissan Motors announced in February that it planned to close its car assembly plant in Zama, southwest of Tokyo by 1995, the news attracted enormous attention because Zama had once been the company's flagship assembly line. Moreover, the closure involved Japan's seemingly invincible car industry.

Nissan's closure plans, dramatic as they may sound, do not anticipate any job losses at all and are illustrative of the way in which corporate Japan is going about rationalising costs. Nissan has offered transfers for 2,500 workers to two other Nissan plants in Tokyo and in the southern island of Kyushu. The remaining 1,500 will continue to work in Zama in administration, distribution, design and specialist part manufacture. Nissan plans to reduce its 48,000 workforce by 5,000 by 1996, mainly through restricting recruitment and through natural wastage.

Corporate Japan has been through boom and bust cycles before and has emerged with its patterns of paternalistic labour relations and lifetime employment more or less intact. The 1990s recession seems to be no exception — at least for large-sized companies. The case of Nippon Steel demonstrates the gravity still associated with unavoidable lay-offs in Japan and the extent to which a company will go to avoid it. When Nippon Steel, the world's largest steelmaker, closed two blast furnaces in the early 1980s in the Tohoku town of Kamaishi, the company had been employing one in every four local workers and the shutdown threatened to turn the isolated community into a ghost town. Nippon Steel had already kept the steelworks operating long after it had become unprofitable and closed it only gradually, transferring workers to other Nippon Steel plants. When it could no longer transfer workers, the company turned to create new businesses in Kamaishi to employ former steel workers. A combination of government subsidies, industrial promotion plans and the imaginations of Nippon Steel managers created new jobs in enterprises ranging from growing mushrooms to office furniture making. Today, those businesses are struggling but meet their objective; they employ 700 former steel workers.

TDK, the magnetic tapes manufacturer battered by a slump in the domestic market, decided to cut costs by offering middle managers they were to let go the option to continue on full salary payments on the condition that they did not come into work any more. According to TDK's theory, savings made in office overheads, entertainment expenses, bonuses, allowances related to housing, family education or commuting costs and fringe benefits would exceed the potential savings from cutting salaries and would be sufficient to tide the company over the slump while avoiding orthodox job cuts. Targeted workers were told they would be free to find another job in a different sector or, if they wished, simply to play golf all day. At Hitachi, middle managers are encouraged to take three or four extra working days off each month at 90 per cent salary. In return for such job security and paternalism, Japanese workers are expected to devote considerably more of their personal lives to their companies than would be expected of workers in Europe.

> **'Japanese workers are expected to devote more of their personal lives to their companies than Europeans'**

From the moment they join, graduates must be prepared to be inculcated with the spirit of the company, to wear its badge with pride in their suit lapels, to await patiently the significant salary increases and other benefits that come with age rather than merit, to suppress their individuality for the sake of being a good "team player".

This dedication and loyalty does not necessarily equate with satisfaction — international comparisons of worker attitudes seldom show the Japanese worker as being particularly happy. Nor is it simply a cultural product, for the reluctance of the Japanese to indulge in job-hopping is in large part linked to the lure of security and a wage system that brings growing benefits with length of service.

Corporate Japan's version of the social contract is able to weather both economic boom and bust because its roots are bound in an egalitarianism that appears to be missing in many large western companies. Even in times of high growth and high profits, Japan's most senior executives seldom earn more than six or seven times the salary of their new recruits. In the company cafeteria, all employees eat together and when the economy takes a tumble, senior executives even volunteer for salary cuts. At Clarion, the karaoke machine maker, the president has sacrificed his entire salary until his company pulls out of the recession.

As a country with scant natural resources and dependent for much of its wealth on value-added exports, Japan values loyal and able workers. If employers were to begin sacking workers at the first signs of trouble, the social contract would be undermined and long-term prosperity put in jeopardy; corporate Japan will go out of its way to avoid the *ray-offu*, as westerners understand it.

TEMPUS

Dividing water courses

THE results from Severn Trent and Southern Water practically round off the water results season and provided the market with a revealing contrast. Both companies have highly regarded core businesses with decent compliance and performance records. Judicious cost restraint allowed both businesses to record double digit growth in operating profits from their water businesses, with Severn Trent showing the edge with a 15 per cent increase against 12 per cent from Southern.

The two companies differ only in diversification policies. Severn Trent's attempts to broaden out have been more disastrous than most ever since its ill-advised bid for Caird. Now it is saddled with Biffa which it bought for £212 million and made an estimated loss of £13 million after financing costs last year. As a result, Severn has earnt the dubious honour of becoming the first water company to suffer a fall in earnings. The competition in the waste industry suggests Biffa is unlikely to make a real return for years.

Southern has spent less than £10 million on acquisitions since privatisation and has concentrated on expanding its modest non-core activities organically. The result is that the company is likely to end next year with little gearing, while debts at Severn Trent will be more than £600 million.

Water shares have performed miserably in the past two months as the market has seen the poor performance of non-core activities and the effect rising debts will have on dividend growth. The sector has risen from a 15 per cent yield premium to more than 40 per cent. While other industries offer recovery potential, the shares are unlikely to recover fast.

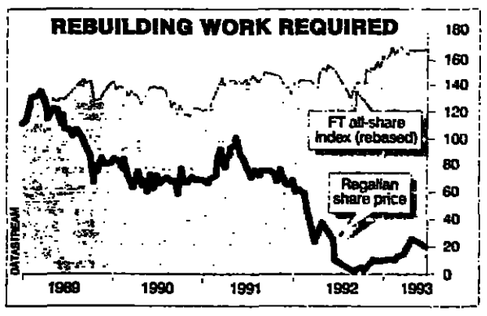
Regalian

THE £84 million loss reported by Regalian may look traumatic, but it is evidence that the company has joined the select ranks of developers to survive the property crash.

The figures are freely described by David Goldstone, the chairman, as a deck-clearing exercise and should ensure Regalian receives an unqualified audit. Regalian desperately needs its auditors approval since it has recently started courting joint venture partners as a first step towards recovery.

Regalian's need for outside finance is unmistakeable. The company is heading for another loss in the current year as it sells out its remaining flats at its ill-fated Kensington Palace Gardens and Free Trade Wharf developments. It needs to begin new projects to generate the revenue to cover overheads, but does not have the resources to finance them. Even though the company has reduced net debt from £130 million in March 1992 to £42 million today, it still has gearing of 98 per cent, and the banks will hardly lend it another brass farthing.

So far, the group has talked to one South-East Asian investor and identified a residential project which it will manage and share in the profits. With this and others Regalian can rebuild its reserves until it has the strength to stand on its own again. The shares have risen almost tenfold from their 2p low, but at 19.5p they are still speculative with little chance of a dividend until 1996.



Dawson

ANALYSING Dawson's results is rather like admiring a cashmere sweater only to find that it is made of polyester. The 6 per cent rise (on a pre-FRS3 basis) in profit masks a disappointing performance from the consumer products division, where operating profit fell 30 per cent. Much of this decline is due to American retailers, who have been quick to pass the costs of an aggressive price war on to suppliers. Dawson has also been forced to hold more stock on behalf of the retailers, resulting in a £20 million increase in working capital.

The group is not alone in its suffering in America, but the management has compounded the difficulties. The multimillion pound losses at West Fleece were largely caused by the ill-timed launch of a screenprint brand, which threw the production and delivery of other customer orders into disarray. West Fleece has since terminated its relationship with K-Mart, formerly one of its biggest customers, and is unlikely to return to profit this year. A restructuring of the American operations later this year could be on the cards. With the company's other major markets such as Japan, Italy and France in decline, the prospective earnings multiple of more than 16 looks full.

Devro

SAUSAGES often contain more filler than meat. Fortunately the reverse is true of Devro, the world's leading sausage skin manufacturer, which comes to the market later this month.

Devro has market leadership in an industry with high entry barriers. Given the large fixed costs of the business, Devro, as the biggest player, also has the advantage of being one of the lowest cost producers. It is also highly cash-generative, throwing off £25 million of cash in 1992 from operating profit of £22 million.

Devro has no shortage of uses for this cash. The penetration of edible collagen casings outside Britain is very low, providing excellent growth opportunities. While dominating the small diameter sausage casings market, the group is looking to build presence in the larger diameter sector. On a prospective p/e ratio of 13 times and a 4 per cent yield, the issue pricing looks reasonable.

Hanson

NOW institutional shareholders have discovered they can bend the will of the mightiest company in the land, the power might go to their heads. Hanson's U-turn on next week's extraordinary meeting shows that large institutions have been shaken out of their lethargy and are playing a far more active part in company affairs since the recession.

All shareholders should welcome this, since it will act as a break on inevitable corporate excesses as the recovery takes shape. The affair also shows Hanson in a good light. The company has become far more responsive to public and City opinion since its bruising public relations battle with ICI. Its figures are far more informative, the management less imposing. Whether this will one day translate into renewed financial vigour is yet to be seen.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Olof's guide to D-Day

WITH the fiftieth anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy less than a year away, a merchant bank financial controller has turned author for the first time and compiled a self-drive guide to the battle area. Brian Olof, of Barings, was propelled into action when a colleague, bound for Normandy with his teenage sons, was unable to lay his hands on an easy-to-follow guide. In a military-style endeavour, Olof decided to write, publish and distribute one himself. Now, nine months later, *D-Day and the Liberation of Normandy 1944* has been sold to military museum bookshops, to P&O European Ferries for their on-board kiosks and to various booksellers. "I am amazed that no one has thought before of producing a guide that leaves out all the complex military detail," says Olof. "Most tourists just want to find the interesting sites as easily as possible and read a simple story of 'what happened where' as they drive around." The book includes colour maps for a dozen tours and features photographs of 1944 scenes that can still be seen today.

Out of the woods

NORWEGIANS may be hopeless when it comes to the Eurovision song contest, but they have made it out of the economic woods, judging by the latest central bank forecast of 1.2 per cent growth this year and 2.3 per cent next. While Kenneth Clarke, our new Chancellor, puts on a brave face about the £1 billion he has to raise each week to cover the budget deficit, his counterpart in Oslo can look forward to "large and increasing current account surpluses" and repayment of net foreign debt by early 1995. Norway's central government finances are in an even more enviable state, with a net asset position equivalent to 28 per cent of the gross domestic product. The Norwegian central bank is, meanwhile, looking for a new governor to replace Hermod Skaanland, a mere 68, who this week asked to retire early.

On your bike

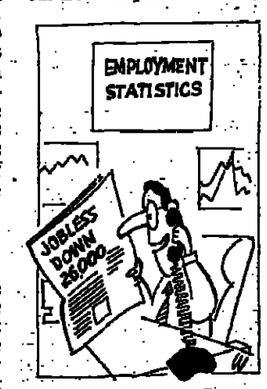
EVERY man and his dog appears to be entering this weekend's annual London to Brighton Bike Ride. Gerry Acher, head of corporate finance at KPMG Peat Marwick, will be setting the pace among 27,000 riders who set out from Clapham Common on Sunday, but faces stiff competition from Yamaichi, the Japanese securities house. Yamaichi has entered what is believed to be the biggest City team — over 60 riders — for the third year running, and has clocked up enough miles to get to Tokyo. Nick Griffiths, US bond trader and team captain, hopes to beat last year's team total of £4,500 raised for the British Heart Foundation. KPMG raised £4,000 last year. The riders will eat more than 100,000 sandwiches, drink 50,000 cans of fruit juice and pedal the equivalent of 1.5 million miles — or 63 times around the world.

BUSINESSMEN travelling to scandal-rocked Italy have found that the expression VIP has taken on a new meaning. Local wags say it stands for "Vediamoci in prigione"... or "See you in prison".

Out of favour

THE Philippines, that haven of good-natured democracy, is threatening to expel the International Monetary Fund's resident representative for publicly criticising Manila's economic policies. Christopher Browne fell foul of officials after accusing them of doing nothing to attract foreign investors. A spokesman for President Fidel Ramos said it was possible that Browne would be declared *persona non grata* so that "he can get out of this country as fast as he can". Talks for a new economic programme for the Philippines have been stalled since April because of the country's failure to meet IMF targets.

JON ASHWORTH



"We could bring the figures even lower if we took on a few hundred more staff"

DTI's commitment is welcome

From the Director, Manufacturing Industries, Confederation of British Industry

Sir, Your report (June 17) of the CBI's evidence to the Common's trade and industry select committee gave a partial view of the CBI's attitude to the DTI's performance as a sponsor of trade and industry.

Yes, we did say that many of the major decisions affecting the competitiveness of UK industry are outside the direct control of the DTI. And we did say that there was a need for a greater understanding of the importance of an internationally competitive manufacturing base in certain other government departments, not least the Treasury.

But we also very much welcomed the much greater commitment to manufacturing industry within the DTI and the changes which have been introduced since Michael Heseltine's arrival, even though it is still too early to offer conclusive judgments on the DTI's performance. We also welcomed the positive approach set out by the Chancellor in his speech at Guildhall on Tuesday night and his personal commitment to industry and commerce.

What we are hoping for now is that the government will set out what it sees as its role in promoting a healthy supply side. Publication of the DTI's own competitiveness report would be a good start.

Yours faithfully,
A. P. SCOTT,
Director of Manfacturing Industries, CBI,
Centre Point,
103 New Oxford Street, WC1.

Energizer battery is lighting the way

From the Marketing Director of Ever Ready Limited

Sir, Contrary to Monday's diary piece, I am pleased to report that Ever Ready is doing rather well with its new Energizer battery. Having already toppled Duracell from the number 1 position in the US, the heat is on over here and your research highlighting the fact that only one of the main distribution chains even knew about Energizer is wrong. Sainsbury, Gateway, Safeway, Halfords and Woolworths are just some of the retailers who have already taken up the Energizer opportunity.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN BURCH,
Marketing Director,
Ever Ready Limited,
93 Burleigh Gardens,
N14.

Share certificates lack collectability

From Mr D. G. Raby

Sir, Once upon a not very long time ago, companies emblazoned their share certificates with scrolls and jolly decoration and proud cartouches illustrating their activities and importance. The company's image was greatly enhanced. If it later went bust then, at least, the grieving shareholder had something attractive to hang on the wall or be sought after by scripophilists.

Is there some deep significance in the fact that companies nowadays feel that something drab, utilitarian and unimaginative is appropriate to signify part ownership?

Yours,
D. G. RABY,
The Little House,
Elm Grove Road,
Cobham, Surrey.

BRITISH COAL CORPORATION

Licensing of Closed Collieries

British Coal invites offers for licensing the working of coal and the use of associated facilities at each of the collieries named below. Decisions by British Coal to grant a licence in respect of each such colliery will be made on a colliery by colliery basis and separate offers are invited. Specific proposals for non-mining uses will also be given due consideration.

The collieries for which offers are invited are Clipstone Colliery, near Mansfield; Bevercotes Colliery, near Retford; Markham Main Colliery, Armthorpe, near Doncaster; Rossington Colliery, Rossington, Doncaster and Betws Colliery, Ammanford, Dyfed.

Expressions of interest must be received by 2 July 1993 either in writing to:

British Coal Corporation, Licensing of Closed Collieries, Eastwood Hall, Eastwood, Notts NG16 3EB. Fax No: 0773 532709

or by telephone on the following numbers:

Clipstone Colliery	**0773 532710**
Bevercotes Colliery	**0773 532710**
Markham Main Colliery	**0773 532711**
Rossington Colliery	**0773 532711**
Betws Colliery	**0773 532712**

British Coal reserves the right not to consider expressions of interest received after 2 July 1993. Parties who have expressed an interest in making an offer in respect of a particular colliery will be provided with a Preliminary Information Pack containing outline information on the colliery, an application form, a letter of undertaking and the terms of a £10,000 security deposit/bond, together with details of the licensing process and timetable.

Detailed information on the relevant colliery and draft tender documentation will subsequently be provided to any party which satisfies the requirements specified in the Preliminary Information Pack, which include entering into the letter of undertaking and the provision of the security deposit/bond.

The receipt of an offer will not create any obligation or commitment on the part of British Coal to enter into any negotiations or to grant a licence.

Enquiries about the procedures set out in this advertisement should be made in writing to the above address or by telephone on the numbers listed opposite.

British COAL

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373				
Masterrust	119.20	127.40	+0.40	.98
International	91.66	97.53	-0.53	.92
Dividend Gth	57.57	61.24	+0.06	4.59
Global Gth Sec	62.06	66.02	+0.08	2.62
Ethical Growth	65.41	69.58	-0.03	2.51
High Inc Equity	150.30	159.80	+0.30	4.98
Worldwide Bond	272.40	288.60	+2.20	3.64
Gilts Fixed Int	128.90	136.60	+0.20	6.02
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6601				
Amer Inc Gth	43.33	45.74	+0.16	0.68
European	61.06	65.86	-0.29	...
European Inc	77.38	82.13	-0.55	1.83
Exempt	915.30	941.10	...	3.26
Extra Inc	43.11	46.64	+0.07	4.93
F East Emerg Ec	84.68	91.12	-0.34	0.71
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	380.70	406.90	-0.40	4.04
Equity Inc	214.20	228.90	...	3.98
High Yield	235.90	252.10	-0.10	4.06
Balanced	636.70	680.60	+0.20	2.60
American Inc	47.62	50.90	-0.12	3.14
Wld Asset Val	39.64	42.37	-0.25	1.11
Japan	198.60	211.60	-2.80	0.01
Secs of Am	399.70	425.20	-1.70	0.56
AXA EQUITY & LAW				
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	314.30	334.30	...	2.70
-do- Inc	222.70	237.00	+0.10	2.70
Higher Inc Acc	574.00	610.70	-0.30	3.66
-do- Inc	348.70	371.00	-0.30	3.66
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	175.40	186.20	-0.10	6.00
-do- Inc	91.95	97.12	-0.08	6.00
Nth America	253.40	269.60	-0.70	...
Far East	296.00	314.90	-3.90	0.18
Europe	224.90	239.20	-0.40	1.05
General Inc	426.10	453.30	-0.60	2.43
-do- Acc	467.40	497.30	-0.60	2.43
Brit Excell	63.39	67.43	-0.10	2.72
Brit Fndmtls Inc	66.76	71.03	...	4.83
Brit Fndmtls Acc	86.06	91.56	...	4.83
Global Opps	71.70	76.28	-0.42	0.07
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS				
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	246.40	261.50	-1.90	1.36
Capital Gwth	99.82	105.10	...	2.57
Worldwide Opps	148.70	156.50	...	0.62
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	106.10	113.60	...	2.79
Euro Gth Inc	115.20	122.30	+1.40	1.03
Extra Inc	106.20	113.80	+0.10	4.79
General	240.90	257.60	-0.20	2.95
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.53	59.48	+0.07	8.48
Income	488.30	522.20	-0.40	4.44
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	91.53	97.14	...	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	116.50	124.90	-0.30	...
Convertibles	52.84	56.51	+0.06	7.10
Eastern	186.60	200.60	-0.10	1.60
Equity Income	81.69	86.90	-0.08	6.30
European Gth	226.70	241.00	+0.20	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	149.20	159.40	-0.30	1.50
Exempt	83.41	85.53	-0.13	3.60
German Growth	56.69	60.35	...	0.70
Global Growth	108.20	113.30	+0.10	...
Japan Growth	201.10	215.30	+0.30	...
Japan Sunrise	174.50	186.30	-0.10	...
Portfolio	117.70	126.00	+0.20	3.20
-do- Acc	209.70	224.60	+0.30	3.20
UK Growth	82.71	87.98	-0.16	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	86.76	92.79	-0.11	1.90
Select Managers	63.42	67.92	+0.13	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	105.11	112.42	-0.04	1.87
-do- Inc	95.56	102.20	-0.03	1.87
Global Bond	29.12	30.89	+0.03	5.37
High Yield Acc	53.94	57.69	-0.05	3.50
-do- Inc	39.15	41.88	+0.04	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	92.86	99.32	-0.14	1.35
-do- Inc	85.35	91.29	+0.12	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	56.17	60.08	-0.04	...
-do- Inc	55.13	58.98	-0.04	...
Euro Gth Acc	100.81	107.81	-0.09	1.07
-do- Inc	99.42	106.34	-0.09	1.07
Mngd P folio	34.98	37.41	...	1.29
Pacific Growth	102.39	109.51	-1.19	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	87.21	93.27	+0.28	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	126.50	134.80	+0.30	3.11
Smaller Cos Acc	299.10	320.00	-0.70	...
Smaller Cos Inc	174.00	186.20	-0.30	1.16
High Inc	70.22	75.49	+0.02	6.94
Income	128.00	136.90	-0.10	4.02
Mngd P folio Inc	95.59	101.80	+0.40	1.95
-do- Acc	180.60	192.40	+0.70	...
North American	101.20	107.80	+0.80	0.20
Orient	130.50	140.40	-0.50	...
Recovery	41.57	44.69	-0.09	2.50
German	40.53	43.48	+0.27	0.09
Intl Growth	33.15	35.31	-0.08	0.22
European Inc	22.16	23.86	+0.14	0.47
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	61.52	65.45	+0.39	1.44
-do- Acc	69.35	73.78	+0.44	1.25
Income Fund 5	213.90	227.60	+0.20	4.08
-do- Acc	497.90	529.70	+0.60	4.14
Inv Portfolio	67.71	70.17	+0.26	2.13
-do- Acc	76.46	79.23	+0.28	2.07
Smaller Cos	128.50	136.80	+0.20	1.64
-do- Acc	154.40	164.30	+0.20	1.52
High Inc P folio	60.66	62.69	-0.05	4.60
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 488 7216				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	66.01	66.91	-0.01	5.81
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 4AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	135.50	144.20	+0.20	1.70
UK Growth	147.90	157.40	+0.20	2.11
UK Income	123.30	131.20	...	4.13
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	85.55	91.99	-0.37	1.00
Growth	44.18	47.25	-0.01	2.89
Income	54.28	58.07	-0.07	4.13
Far East	48.24	51.87	-0.57	0.01
North American	83.31	89.38	+0.03	...
Global	84.10	89.98	-0.22	0.74
European	70.39	75.28	-0.25	1.18
Japan	112.20	120.00	-2.70	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	58.71	62.22	-0.30	5.15
UK Cap Gwth	79.94	85.50	+0.27	1.97
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	128.00	136.20	-0.10	0.22
-do- Acc	136.10	144.80	-0.10	0.22
European	65.64	69.54	-0.24	0.77
-do- Acc	68.03	72.08	-0.25	0.77
Far East Gen	66.21	70.44	-0.75	...
-do- Acc	66.21	70.44	-0.75	...
Glenfriars	254.80	271.10	-0.30	0.68
-do- Acc	286.80	305.20	-0.40	0.68
Growth	381.40	408.00	-0.10	2.23
-do- Acc	652.90	698.30	+0.10	2.23
Income Growth	377.90	402.10	...	3.78
-do- Acc	502.50	534.60	...	3.78
Master Portfolio	9473.0	9823.0	+1.00	2.23
-do- Acc	10963.0	11366.0	+1.00	2.23
Special Sits	86.53	92.06	-0.84	2.23
-do- Acc	101.25	107.72	-1.00	2.23
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1199.0	1237.0	...	4.35
-do- Acc	1416.0	1460.0	+1.00	4.35
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5955				
American Index	191.60	204.20	...	1.62
Capital	531.80	567.50	-1.10	2.39
Eurotrack 100	130.00	138.40	+0.10	1.49
Euro Gth	80.85	86.20	-0.18	1.31
Far East Growth	91.66	97.82	-1.26	0.07
Global Bond	23.85	25.14	-0.02	5.95
Hong Kong	83.73	89.35	-1.71	0.77
Income	501.60	535.30	-1.30	3.84
Intl Growth	73.90	78.86	-0.21	0.99
Japan Growth	274.20	292.60	-3.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	34.86	37.20	-0.78	...
Japan Index	80.41	85.81	-0.51	0.23
Nth American	438.00	467.40	+1.20	0.47
S pore Mly Gth	53.65	57.25	-2.32	...
The Footsie Fd	105.70	112.60	-0.30	2.73
Tiger Index	141.40	150.90	-1.20	0.62
Trade Index	106.10	113.20	+0.10	2.54
UK Index	124.30	132.60	-0.20	2.94
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	83.16	88.89	...	1.00
European P folio	73.10	77.74	...	1.38
Japanese P folio	66.24	70.35	-0.33	...
Pacific P folio	101.28	108.91	+0.16	1.11
Cazenove P folio	71.68	76.67	...	3.00
UK Income Gth	63.29	67.90	...	5.00
Utility & Bond	50.06	50.74	...	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	599.55	601.80	...	4.95
Fixed Int	153.15	153.90	...	9.42
Deposit	5.65	...	5.77	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	590.99	598.50	...	5.00
-do- Acc	2316.8	2332.7	...	...
Deposit	5.60	...	5.72	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.48	124.64	...	9.31
-do- Acc	166.60	166.90	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.87	66.18	...	2.28
Beckman Intl	81.44	85.97	...	3.08
Friars Hse Inc	178.61	192.05	...	6.06
Friars Hse Cap	246.16	264.69	...	2.75
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9898				
Smaller Cos	36.12	38.43	+0.08	1.83
-do- Acc	40.70	43.29	+0.08	1.83
Wwide Bd	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	56.93	60.89	-0.06	0.24
-do- Acc	59.31	63.43	-0.06	0.24
Quilter	122.93	130.78	-0.12	2.50
-do- Acc	136.53	145.24	-0.14	2.50
Quilter Income	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.31	92.31	+0.01	5.03
-do- Acc	92.31	92.31	+0.01	5.03
Fixed Conv	40.71	43.31	-0.01	6.72
-do- Acc	107.91	114.80	-0.04	6.72
Preference	46.94	49.94	+0.69	7.26
-do- Acc	240.83	256.20	+3.60	7.26
PPT Europe	148.90	158.40	+0.03	1.07
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.08	50.09	...	7.97
PPT Global Bond	84.77	90.07	-0.12	5.50
PPT Gold Com	56.64	60.26	+0.46	...
PPT Oriental Gth	57.07	60.71	-0.83	0.27
PPT Far East Gth	105.71	112.46	-1.03	0.13
PPT High Yield	117.82	125.34	-0.15	4.60
-do- Acc	453.32	482.25	-0.57	4.60
PPT Managed	61.53	65.46	-0.04	3.41
-do- Acc	75.22	80.02	-0.05	3.41
PPT UK General	68.57	72.95	-0.02	2.53
-do- Acc	83.22	88.53	-0.02	2.53
PPT Equity Inc	143.51	152.67	-0.22	3.64
-do- Acc	460.65	490.05	-0.73	3.64
PPT Japan	117.31	124.80	-0.84	...
PPT N Amer	147.54	156.96	+0.61	0.08
PPT UK Gth	118.02	125.55	+0.02	2.05
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	83.84	89.19	+0.38	0.89
Japanese Acc	63.79	67.86	+0.06	...
UK Balncd Inc	126.20	134.30	...	2.50
-do- Acc	149.00	158.50	...	2.50
UK Growth Acc	206.50	219.70	-0.30	2.20
UK High Inc	132.40	140.90	...	6.74
-do- Acc	160.30	170.50	...	6.74
N America Acc	111.10	118.20	+1.40	0.33
European Acc	155.60	165.50	+1.70	0.42
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.53	63.13	+0.10	8.95
-do- Acc	97.64	103.60	+0.20	8.95
Intl Sp Sits Acc	48.55	51.65	+0.56	0.22
Environmntl Opp	70.99	75.52	+0.09	1.74
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	110.00	116.90	-0.20	0.43
UK Smlr Cos	200.80	213.40	+0.10	1.17
Eurofund	37.68	39.88	+0.01	1.00
Mngd Exempt	165.40	172.40	-0.30	3.05
Growth Inc	213.60	227.00	-0.02	3.74
High Dist	141.00	149.80	-0.10	5.17
International	319.40	339.40	-0.60	0.96
Intl Income	80.74	86.19	-0.31	3.02
Pacific	59.25	62.95	-0.41	0.48
Smllr Jap Cos	73.27	77.85	-0.93	...
Tokyo	206.00	218.90	-2.50	...
Japan Exempt	119.90	123.10	-6.60	0.41
Sm Jap Exempt	597.60	614.00	-37.00	0.08
Equity Income	120.20	127.70	...	3.99
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	...	...	...	...
Australia	6.792	7.212	-0.034	1.09
Euro Spec Sits	140.40	149.70	+1.30	0.55
Financial	40.63	43.17	-0.05	2.77
Global Opps Inc	88.29	93.81	-0.15	2.13
-do- Acc	91.52	97.24	-0.15	2.13
Gold Gen Inc	49.17	52.24	+0.42	0.82
-do- Acc	94.30	100.30	+0.83	0.82
Income	119.70	127.20	...	4.01
Japan General	160.00	170.00	-1.90	...
Preference	21.67	23.02	+0.02	7.89
UK Capital	103.40	109.90	+0.02	3.06
Worldwide Cap	197.40	210.00	-0.30	3.06
World Income	84.38	89.66	+0.02	3.32
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	176.80	188.00	-0.70	0.90
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	104.99	110.52	-0.17	3.15
High Income	120.28	126.61	+0.03	4.74
Tst of Inv Tsts	147.71	155.48	+0.16	1.55
Special Sits	86.14	90.67	-0.01	2.49
North American	101.37	106.70	-0.89	0.83
Far Eastern	248.10	261.16	-3.39	1.49
Intl Growth	94.21	99.17	-0.65	1.40
European	62.74	66.04	-0.47	2.20
Smaller Cos	70.34	74.04	-0.15	2.50
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	219.40	233.40	...	3.34
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	122.30	130.10	-0.30	...
High Income	25.26	26.58	...	3.64
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	93.01	98.40	+0.06	1.69
Far Eastern	137.20	146.90	-1.40	...
Opens Income	87.00	93.13	-0.47	2.58
UK Growth	94.44	101.00	-0.10	1.36
UK Income	99.95	106.90	-0.30	5.50
US Smaller Cos	246.40	263.90	-0.40	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	47.82	50.86	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	47.82	50.86	-0.40	...
Am Smllr Co	419.40	448.50	-0.90	...
-do- Acc	428.50	458.20	-1.00	...
Capital	292.40	311.00	+0.40	2.03
-do- Acc	407.10	433.00	+0.50	2.03
Contl Smllr Cos	47.45	50.96	-0.01	0.79
-do- Acc	49.59	53.26	-0.01	0.79
Convertible	113.80	120.90	...	6.05
-do- Acc	216.00	229.50	-0.10	6.05
Emg Mark	52.23	55.80	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	52.23	55.80	+0.30	...
European	95.96	102.00	-0.10	0.95
-do- Acc	99.62	106.30	+0.10	0.95
Extra Income	296.50	315.30	+0.10	3.99
-do- Acc	415.20	441.60	+0.10	3.99
Financial	103.90	110.80	+0.20	0.66
-do- Acc	108.80	117.00	+0.20	0.66
Gilt Gth Tst	61.23	63.14	+0.29	6.90
-do- Acc	79.12	81.59	+0.38	6.90
Health Fund Inc	117.70	125.70	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	117.70	125.70	-0.20	...
Income Tst	179.40	190.80	-0.20	3.87
-do- Acc	254.20	270.30	-0.40	3.87
Intl Growth	313.30	334.90	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	347.90	371.90	-0.30	...
Japan Gen	180.20	192.30	-1.60	...
-do- Acc	182.00	194.30	-1.70	...
Mngd P folio Inc	90.54	95.50	-0.01	0.91
-do- Acc	95.20	100.20	...	0.91
Monthly Income	153.40	163.10	+0.10	3.95
Qtrly Inc	48.93	52.04	+0.02	5.87
-do- Acc	49.05	52.17	+0.03	5.87
Recovery	289.50	309.50	-0.60	0.63
-do- Acc	339.00	362.50	-0.70	0.63
UK Growth	46.81	50.03	-0.05	2.59
-do- Acc	46.81	50.03	-0.05	2.59
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	347.86	370.06	+0.42	2.63
-do- Acc	710.32	755.66	+0.86	2.63
Euro Gth Dist	106.95	113.78	+0.88	1.05
-do- Acc	110.16	117.19	+0.92	1.05
Fixed Int Dist	128.65	136.08	+0.26	6.43
-do- Acc	218.86	231.50	+0.42	6.43
Intl Gth Dist	77.50	82.45	+0.45	0.78
-do- Acc	80.45	85.59	+0.47	0.78
Nth Amer Dist	167.45	177.38	+2.44	0.89
-do- Acc	181.60	192.37	+2.66	0.89
Pac Basin Dist	251.29	267.33	-0.03	0.10
-do- Acc	255.26	271.55	-0.03	0.10
Stewardship Dist	301.71	320.97	-0.10	1.73
-do- Acc	359.76	382.72	-0.13	1.73
Stwd Inc Dist	64.59	68.71	+0.04	3.17
-do- Acc	79.90	85.00	+0.05	3.17
N Am Stwd Dist	98.62	104.92	+1.66	...
-do- Acc	104.33	110.99	+1.75	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567. Dlng: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	139.60	149.40	-0.60	...
European	407.70	432.90	+0.40	0.98
Far East General	225.50	240.50	-2.00	0.30
Germany	95.85	101.60	-0.40	0.45
Global Assets In	68.65	73.30	-0.11	2.15
Global Assets Ac	72.59	77.51	-0.11	2.15
Income Inc	122.90	131.50	-0.30	6.69
International	269.10	287.80	-0.80	0.97
Intl Income	75.45	80.39	+0.02	4.96
Japan General	372.60	396.20	-4.40	...
Smllr Cos Div	47.37	50.67	-0.12	5.99
UK Capital Inc	170.10	182.00	...	3.80
-do- Acc	291.00	311.30	-0.10	3.60
Uk Spec Sits	77.21	82.58	+0.11	1.53
US General	114.30	121.70	-0.30	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	115.10	122.90	+0.30	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.11	47.18	+0.14	1.53
Cash Trust	129.00	129.00	+0.01	4.94
Pract Inv Inc	103.76	111.27	+0.32	4.07
-do- Acc	222.75	238.87	+0.69	4.07
UK Smaller Cos	105.38	113.01	+0.26	0.86
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.67	27.45	-0.02	7.91
High Inc	31.67	33.87	-0.03	4.84
UK Equity Inc	128.93	137.89	+0.53	3.91
Global Bond	29.48	30.55	-0.03	4.71
International Funds				
Gold Intl	82.00	87.64	+1.07	0.66
Frontier Markets	41.53	44.54	-0.33	0.49
Global Inc Gth	118.64	126.63	-0.25	1.80
UK Intl	112.80	120.64	+0.14	0.24
Overseas Funds				
American	126.71	135.33	-0.03	0.49
European	81.50	86.42	-0.45	0.61
Euro Sel Opps	95.73	102.19	-0.02	0.89
American Emerg	80.27	86.08	-0.18	...
Hong Kong	117.65	126.17	-2.39	1.84
Japan	227.32	241.40	-2.30	...
Pacific Growth	158.67	170.16	-1.75	0.38
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 388 0526				
Intl Growth	127.95	136.85	-0.69	0.37
American Gth	124.28	132.91	-1.08	...
European Gth	66.99	71.17	-0.53	0.42
Japan Gth	80.41	85.97	+0.17	...
Pacific Inc	145.85	155.99	+0.57	2.850
Pacific Strategy	126.75	135.56	-0.51	0.25
UK Prog Inc	71.79	75.73	+0.15	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.46	50.53	+0.13	2.70
UK Small Cos	45.32	48.26	+0.17	2.13
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	131.30	131.30	...	4.80
Gilt Fixed	119.80	127.20	+0.40	6.15
Growth Equity	286.90	305.80	-0.50	2.17
Guardhill	425.60	454.70	-1.60	2.21
Income Trust	109.50	116.50	-0.40	3.04
International	157.40	168.10	+1.30	0.36
Japan Trust	126.10	134.70	+0.10	...
Nth American	251.30	268.40	+3.10	0.48
Pacific	372.90	398.30	+1.80	...
European	341.60	364.90	+2.80	0.74
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH3 8EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	35.40	37.53	+0.20	1.66
-do- Acc	37.05	39.28	+0.20	1.66
Inc Adv Inc	29.44	31.21	+0.10	4.08
-do- Acc	30.88	32.74	+0.10	4.08
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	80.59	86.33	+1.65	1.19
Equity Income	111.80	118.90	-0.20	3.47
European	130.60	138.20	+0.80	1.22
Intl Situation	74.66	79.43	+0.29	...
Japanese	145.80	154.70	-0.10	...
North American	96.51	102.40	+2.51	...
Scandinavian	113.20	119.60	+1.40	0.01
Smaller Cos	30.68	32.64	-0.01	2.02
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263200 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	87.41	93.44	+0.48	...
Asian Enterprise	129.08	139.65	-1.43	0.56
Australian	135.16	144.48	+0.63	1.37
European	367.65	389.24	-0.51	1.30
European Inc	70.55	74.65	-0.29	2.94
Euro Sml Co	118.94	126.78	-1.40	0.56
Extra Income	257.62	274.25	+0.39	4.85
Family of Funds	70.75	75.50	+0.10	1.23
Fixed Interest	54.84	58.65	+0.07	7.63
Global Resour	102.86	110.42	-0.15	0.75
High Inc	291.37	311.47	+0.06	4.26
Income Gth	235.98	250.89	-0.16	3.60
-do- Acc	608.85	648.42	-0.42	3.60
International	227.87	243.08	-1.14	0.94
Japan Spec Sit	242.48	257.78	-2.68	...
Japan	207.97	221.15	-2.68	...
N Amer	216.03	230.01	-0.14	0.25
Pacific Smllr Cos	192.16	208.10	-2.07	0.27
Pref Gilt	45.99	49.66	+0.04	8.50
Smaller Cos Div	168.56	183.73	-0.01	3.74
Special Sits	261.13	279.40	+0.06	1.71
-do- Acc	402.37	430.53	+0.10	1.71
Best of British	55.23	59.19	-0.02	2.58
Spirit of the East	60.43	64.68	-0.75	1.36
Henderson TR Dealing 071 410 4029				
American Gth	78.29	83.73	...	...
Euro Spec Sits	45.95	48.88	...	...
-do- Acc	48.66	51.75	...	...
Far East Opps	32.67	35.37	...	...
-do- Acc	33.72	36.50	...	...
General Growth	98.52	105.40	...	2.00
Global Tech	121.62	131.65	...	...
Income Growth	102.75	110.50	...	3.38
Income Monthly	57.05	60.99	...	4.23
Japan Growth	84.21	89.64	...	...
Overseas Gth	76.51	81.40	...	...
Smaller Cos	75.17	80.85	...	1.52
Special Opps	104.47	112.23	...	2.07
Wld Spec Sits	49.30	52.81	...	...
-do- Acc	49.41	52.94	...	...
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	86.65	92.67	-0.01	2.26
Capital	154.90	165.60	-1.30	1.89
Dollar	303.00	324.00	+1.10	0.05
European	198.60	212.40	-0.10	0.63
Far East	240.00	256.60	-0.80	0.27
Financial	698.50	747.00	+1.10	1.97
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.59	26.58	+0.03	7.82
High Yield	99.86	106.80	-0.10	4.58
Income	133.40	142.60	-0.10	3.46
Intl	213.70	228.50	-0.30	0.51
Japan Tech	71.95	76.95	-0.68	...
Nat Resources	59.55	63.68	+0.01	0.47
Security	295.30	315.80	+0.20	1.97
Smaller Cos	110.60	118.20	...	1.26
Special Sits	136.60	146.00	-0.30	1.63
US Smaller Cos	66.90	71.55	+0.12	...
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.15	26.88	-0.69	1.54
Special Features	27.11	28.80	+0.01	1.62
-do- Acc	32.01	34.01	+0.02	1.62
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.96	56.66	-0.01	1.89
Assets Earnings	70.58	74.99	-0.04	1.89
do Acc	82.95	88.13	-0.04	1.89
Managed Invest	87.11	93.05	-0.26	1.16
Super Childrens	74.95	79.98	-0.03	1.81
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.70	50.70	+0.01	4.33
Extra Inc	78.78	84.32	...	4.82
Gilt	27.15	28.61	+0.09	6.90
Income Gth	38.49	41.13	-0.02	3.42
MIMStar	75.68	77.35	+0.11	7.94
Preference	17.57	18.66	-0.58	6.42
UK Income	308.60	329.90	+0.50	2.91
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	56.67	60.21	-0.11	1.25
Property Shares	63.80	68.62	-0.03	1.72
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	142.90	150.30	-0.10	3.73
European Acc	111.60	118.20	+0.20	1.77
European Dist	106.20	112.50	+0.20	1.77
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.10	51.19	+0.12	0.91
European Perf	110.50	117.30	+0.50	1.03
-do- Acc	112.50	119.50	+0.60	1.03
Euro Small Cos	21.23	22.60	-0.01	0.74
French Growth	65.23	69.44	+0.21	0.53
-do- Acc	65.68	74.19	+0.23	0.53
Hong K/China	73.39	77.97	-1.09	1.60
Intl Growth	51.41	54.62	-0.14	0.64
-do- Acc	51.41	54.62	-0.14	0.64
Japan Perf	34.80	36.98	-0.62	...
Accum Units	34.80	36.98	-0.62	...
Japan Smllr Cos	37.44	39.81	-0.39	...
Singapore Assan	81.93	87.05	-0.93	0.28
-do- Acc	82.44	87.59	-0.93	0.28
South East Asia	236.90	251.70	-5.90	0.95
US Smllr Cos	100.30	106.50	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	101.30	107.60	-0.30	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	82.90	88.53	-0.12	2.30
Intl Bond	57.50	58.29	+0.08	6.34
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc	69.56	69.90	+0.01	4.92
Extra Income	50.84	54.09	-0.12	7.16
Gilt Yield	117.00	123.50	+0.30	7.31
Global Income	199.10	211.80	+2.01	4.14
High Yield	132.80	141.30	-0.32	5.85
Smllr Cos Div	48.02	51.09	+0.02	4.11
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	88.22	93.85	+0.06	...
North American	74.72	79.49	-0.23	0.42
European	129.10	137.30	-0.30	1.63
Euro Special	76.87	81.78	-0.12	0.94
General	261.70	278.40	-0.60	3.20
Japan	433.00	460.60	-10.00	...
Japanese Special	244.80	260.40	-0.70	...
Master Acc	214.90	228.60	-0.10	1.35
Pacific	266.90	283.90	-2.90	0.57
Smaller Cos	98.65	105.00	+0.10	1.60
UK Equity Gth	36.15	38.46	-0.12	1.69
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 556 5151				
European	72.95	77.61	+0.72	1.03
Extra Income	23.76	25.28	-0.01	3.24
Far East	27.67	29.44	-0.08	0.89
Income Gwth	72.47	77.10	+0.05	2.76
Intl Growth	51.68	54.98	+0.24	0.68
Japan	66.25	70.48	+0.16	...
Maximum Dist	100.10	102.10	+0.10	6.91
N Amer Equity	38.32	40.77	+0.55	0.27
UK Equity	86.44	91.96	-0.01	2.94
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	53.16	56.55	-0.09	4.42
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690355				
Equity Dist	423.90	451.00	+0.10	2.74
Equity Acc	804.60	856.00	+0.20	2.74
Equity Income	91.26	97.08	-0.06	4.79
European	95.11	101.20	+0.10	1.28
Far Eastern	184.50	196.50	-0.30	...
Fixed Interest	51.30	54.57	+0.05	6.40
Gilt	88.92	93.36	+0.21	8.45
Global Growth	66.01	70.22	+0.07	0.46
Intl Bond	56.48	60.09	+0.04	4.73
Japanese	71.68	76.26	-0.22	...
Overseas Equity	94.81	100.90	+0.50	0.08
Pacific Gth	86.96	92.51	-0.08	0.45
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	310.50	330.40	+0.10	2.90
-do- Acc	682.10	725.70	+0.40	2.90
Conti Euro Gth	50.47	53.13	+0.42	1.44
-do- Acc	53.37	56.18	+0.44	1.44
Extra Inc	238.10	253.30	+4.70	3.82
-do- Acc	588.80	626.40	+12.00	3.82
German Gth	100.70	106.00	+0.40	0.23
-do- Acc	105.60	111.20	+0.40	0.23
Growth Port	487.30	518.50	+0.40	0.97
-do- Acc	487.30	518.30	+0.40	0.97
Income	447.90	476.50	+8.90	3.52
-do- Acc	1149.0	1223.0	+23.00	3.52
Income Port	486.50	517.60	+0.50	4.30
-do- Acc	491.20	522.60	+0.50	4.30
Japan Growth	97.59	103.90	+0.10	0.01
-do- Acc	97.93	104.20	...	0.01
Master Trust	51.41	54.70	+0.19	1.40
-do- Acc	56.60	60.22	+0.21	1.40
N American Gen	181.80	193.50	+2.40	0.01
-do- Acc	210.00	223.50	+2.80	0.01
NAm Sm-Co Rec	140.70	149.70	-4.30	0.01
-do- Acc	143.60	152.80	-4.50	0.01
Pacific Basin	204.80	217.90	-0.80	0.54
-do- Acc	216.40	230.30	-0.80	0.54
Small Cos Rec	303.50	319.50	-0.70	2.20
-do- Acc	395.20	416.00	-0.90	2.20
UK Growth	77.38	82.32	+0.07	2.33
-do- Acc	90.22	95.98	+0.07	2.33
Worldwide Gth	277.40	295.20	+1.50	0.17
-do- Acc	409.10	435.30	+2.30	0.17
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	76.92	82.42	...	2.80
Income	60.13	64.32	-0.12	5.37
International	57.06	61.22	+0.42	0.70
American	59.23	63.55	+0.87	0.30
Japan	54.86	58.86	+0.19	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	56.58	60.69	-0.17	1.80
M & G SECURITIES LTD				
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	386.70	408.40	+5.30	0.86
-do- Acc	477.10	503.90	+6.50	0.86
American Rec	408.90	432.40	+4.30	0.22
-do- Acc	468.50	495.40	+4.90	0.22
Am Sm Co Acc	119.50	126.30	+1.20	...
Australia Acc	156.70	165.60	+2.40	1.16
Capital	668.40	706.80	+1.50	2.43
-do- Acc	737.50	779.80	+1.60	2.43
Commodity Acc	428.60	453.20	+5.20	0.79
Compnd Gth	818.00	865.00	+3.80	2.87
Dividend	35.30	37.90	+0.10	4.09
-do- Acc	139.80	147.70	+0.30	4.09
Equity Inc	301.40	318.70	+0.10	4.70
European Div	59.80	63.20	+0.20	4.31
-do- Acc	67.60	71.40	+0.20	4.31
European Gen	383.60	405.70	+2.20	1.19
-do- Acc	479.20	506.80	+2.70	1.19
Extra Yield	376.70	398.40	+0.20	4.30
-do- Acc	1101.5	1165.1	+0.60	4.30
Far Eastern	303.50	320.90	-1.50	0.76
-do- Acc	399.20	422.10	-2.00	0.76
Fund of Inv	505.70	534.80	+2.80	2.14
-do- Acc	922.50	975.50	+5.10	2.14
General	53.80	56.90	+0.10	3.51
-do- Acc	141.80	150.00	+0.30	3.51
Gilt Fnd Int	61.20	61.30	+0.20	7.69
do Acc	153.90	154.10	+0.40	7.69
Gold	52.90	55.90	+1.20	0.95
-do- Acc	61.80	65.40	+1.40	0.95
High Inc	24.70	26.30	...	4.47
-do- Acc	93.50	99.00	+0.10	4.47
Intl Growth	68.50	72.40	+0.40	0.87
-do- Acc	118.10	124.90	+0.70	0.87
Intl Inc	93.40	98.80	+0.30	4.57
Japan Gen Acc	51.00	53.80	-0.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	151.20	159.80	-0.80	...
Midland	55.40	58.60	...	3.21
-do- Acc	177.30	187.60	-0.10	3.21
Recovery	36.90	39.00	+0.10	2.59
-do- Acc	58.00	61.20	+0.10	2.59
Second Gen	62.00	65.60	+0.20	3.37
-do- Acc	151.60	160.40	+0.50	3.37
Smaller Cos	60.50	64.00	...	3.04
-do- Acc	114.60	121.20	-0.20	3.04
Trustee	39.00	41.20	+0.10	3.79
Charibond 3	†110.64	...	+0.10	9.25
Charifund 2	633.40	659.80	+1.20	5.12
Pension ex 1	839.50	860.50	+7.60	4.24
NAACIP Inc 3	†45.47	...	...	7.85
-do- Acc 3	†1101.1	...	+1.00	7.85
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 400, Chester X, CH99 9QQ 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	136.30	145.60	-0.07	1.99
-do- Acc	151.20	161.70	-0.07	1.99
UK Income	113.10	120.90	...	2.62
-do- Acc	127.80	136.60	...	2.62
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	82.21	87.92	-0.20	0.77
Far East (Pacific)	138.00	146.40	+1.50	0.63
Income Growth	71.64	76.05	+0.05	3.06
European	66.89	71.00	+0.96	1.28
Nth American	56.11	59.56	-0.28	1.02
UK Growth	75.77	80.43	-0.05	1.61
Intl Growth	94.30	100.10	-0.10	0.65
Charities	106.50	113.00	+0.10	3.76
Intl Income	67.21	71.34	+0.35	4.23
Japan	53.31	56.59	-0.30	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	185.60	197.10	+2.90	...
-do- Acc	198.40	210.70	+3.20	...
Cash	100.80	100.80	+0.10	5.54
-do- Acc	129.60	129.60	...	5.54
European Gth	191.60	203.10	+1.30	0.78
-do- Acc	205.20	217.50	+1.60	0.78
General	458.40	489.00	-0.70	2.47
-do- Acc	871.90	930.10	-1.40	2.47
Global Dist	131.50	138.20	+0.80	5.28
-do- Acc	147.20	154.70	+0.90	5.28
Income	135.10	144.10	-0.10	4.73
-do- Acc	192.30	212.50	-0.20	4.73
International	384.10	409.30	+2.90	0.68
-do- Acc	510.80	544.40	+3.90	0.68
Japan	184.70	196.00	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	189.60	201.10	+0.30	...
New Europe	138.80	148.10	+0.40	1.75
-do- Acc	141.10	150.60	+0.50	1.75
Recovery	291.30	310.80	-0.60	2.89
-do- Acc	367.90	392.50	-0.90	2.89
European Inc	73.08	77.61	+0.42	3.14
-do- Acc	94.44	100.20	+0.45	3.14
Brit Blue Chip	71.37	76.06	-0.10	3.31
-do- Acc	84.18	89.71	-0.11	3.31
Portfolio	73.43	78.14	+0.13	2.90
-do- Acc	83.49	88.85	+0.15	2.90
Gold General	118.00	126.90	+3.00	0.74
-do- Acc	120.60	129.70	+3.00	0.74
Pacific	93.69	99.94	+0.07	0.84
-do- Acc	99.00	105.60	...	0.84
UK Smaller Cos	52.82	56.35	+0.08	1.93
-do- Acc	58.95	62.88	+0.03	1.93
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
122 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 528 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 676				
Balanced Dist	56.82	60.27	-0.03	2.92
-do- Acc	57.70	61.71	-0.03	2.92
British Dist	76.27	81.57	-0.09	2.05
-do- Acc	86.34	92.34	-0.10	2.05
European Gth	166.80	178.20	-0.60	0.48
-do- Acc	209.50	223.80	-0.70	0.48
Extra High Inc	68.12	72.86	...	6.10
-do- Acc	119.80	128.10	...	6.10
FT-SE 100 Index	48.35	51.71	-0.02	2.70
-do- Acc	48.35	51.71	-0.02	2.70
Gilt Fixed Int	55.20	57.49	+0.10	6.86
-do- Acc	147.30	153.40	+0.30	6.86
High Yield	214.70	229.60	+3.00	4.78
-do- Acc	504.00	539.00	+6.90	4.78
Income	276.90	296.10	-0.10	3.38
-do- Acc	575.60	615.60	-0.10	3.38
Japan Gth	341.80	365.60	-3.50	...
-do- Acc	360.80	385.90	-3.60	...
Mandarin Acc	97.30	104.10	-1.20	0.71
North American	161.80	173.00	+0.50	0.45
-do- Acc	204.10	218.30	+0.70	0.45
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	259.00	275.80	+3.50	...
Deposit Inc	99.98	99.98	+0.01	4.66
Deposit Acc	122.65	122.65	+0.01	4.66
Euro Gth Acc	278.50	297.60	+1.20	...
Europa	123.90	132.70	+0.20	...
Intl Gth	169.20	180.90	+1.10	...
Japan Tracker	78.37	83.03	+0.20	...
UK Equity Inc	146.70	158.00	+0.20	4.15
-do- Acc	179.90	193.80	+0.30	4.15
UK Intl Tracker	142.40	152.50	+0.10	3.16
US Eq Ind Trkr	190.80	202.40	+3.00	1.43
-do- Acc	201.90	214.10	+3.10	1.43
Asian Trader	160.20	174.00	-0.40	0.46
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	164.90	168.50	+2.10	2.26
European	60.54	61.83	+0.24	1.58
Olympiad	35.35	35.74	+0.03	0.33
Global Bond	47.29	47.81	+0.21	6.64
Smaller Cos	66.50	69.56	-0.14	0.92
Equity Income	90.53	93.02	-0.13	5.20
UK Growth	81.72	84.18	-0.05	2.12
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	46.20	49.28	+0.73	0.99
Australian Acc	290.70	311.80	+3.40	...
Conscience	61.75	65.90	-1.22	1.08
-do- Acc	66.64	71.12	-1.32	1.08
European	165	175.90	-0.20	1.10
-do- Acc	177.50	189.30	-0.20	1.10
Extra Income	71.36	76.15	-0.11	5.83
-do- Acc	108.70	116	-0.10	5.83
Far East Gth	166.50	177.90	-0.40	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	58.04	61.43	+0.13	6.32
Gold	42.95	46.18	+0.89	...
-do- Acc	46.25	49.73	+0.96	...
Income	50.83	54.21	-0.13	5.18
-do- Acc	155.40	165.90	-0.30	5.18
International	29.04	31.15	-0.13	1.06
-do- Acc	41.73	44.77	-0.17	1.06
Jap Sm Cos Acc	339.80	362.40	-3.40	...
S pore Mly Acc	180.50	193.50	-7.70	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.90	26.77	+0.01	2.05
Special Sits	31.96	34.56	-0.01	1.80
-do- Acc	36.81	39.58	-0.01	1.80
Tokyo	85.86	91.58	-0.67	...
-do- Acc	86.72	92.50	-0.69	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	67.58	71.90	+0.10	2.74
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.97	78.28	+0.07	6.62
N&P Higher Inc	191.30	203.60	+0.30	4.57
N&P UK Income	99.75	106.12	+0.06	3.88
N&P Intl	85.83	91.31	+0.16	1.59
N&P Smaller Cos	76.25	81.12	-0.35	1.47
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	162.82	173.22	-0.04	2.33
Global	283.80	301.92	-0.58	1.14
Growth	107.80	114.69	-0.09	2.55
Income	199.75	212.51	-0.32	4.40
Intl Bond	126.44	134.25	-0.11	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 300, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	135.90	143.00	+0.10	2.58
-do- Acc	240.80	253.50	+0.20	2.58
Income	217.20	231.00	+0.20	3.57
Intl Equity	222.10	236.30	+1.40	0.87
-do- Acc	243.20	258.60	+1.50	0.87
Equity	213.50	227.10	+0.10	2.47
-do- Acc	438.30	466.30	+0.10	2.47
UK Intl 25 Acc	68.88	73.27	+0.16	1.98
UK Income	60.15	63.99	-0.01	3.97
UK Smllr Co Acc	74.20	78.93	+0.13	1.42
New Europe Acc	61.00	64.95	+0.62	1.30
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	94.63	101.21	-1.94	0.20
PEP Gth Inc	99.95	106.90	-0.44	1.22
Intl Gth	480.07	513.45	-5.05	0.63
Income	298.93	319.72	-0.32	3.46
W wide Recov	305.87	327.14	-3.36	0.27
American Gth	200.24	214.17	-2.34	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	183.70	196.48	-2.00	0.08
Far East Gth	215.43	230.41	-3.53	0.07
European Gth	110.43	118.11	-0.10	1.28
UK Growth	76.08	81.37	...	3.00
High Income	83.35	89.15	-0.15	4.52
Japanese Gth	216.04	230.59	-4.27	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	173.10	184.10	+0.90	0.85
High Income	107.60	114.50	+0.10	3.74
Conv Gilt	108.80	115.80	+0.10	6.17
Far East	308.60	328.30	-1.00	0.27
Global Inc Acc	31.32	33.32	+0.16	3.12
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Seething Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	50.30	53.51	+0.01	0.20
Emerging Mkts	63.14	67.17	-0.24	0.57
General	46.72	49.70	-0.03	3.23
International	82.09	87.33	-0.31	1.38
Gilt Units	25.20	25.98	+0.04	7.42
Global PEP	34.51	36.71	-0.05	2.11
Income Gth	64.42	68.53	-0.03	4.78
European	41.66	44.32	-0.08	0.68
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.07	26.67	+0.02	5.86
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 929091				
Pru Mngd Tst	31.04	33.19	-0.05	1.76
Pru Csh Bvn Inc	101.24	101.24	+0.01	5.16
-do- Acc	105.37	105.37	+0.01	5.16
Pru Equity	651.43	696.71	-0.14	2.60
Pru Equity Inc	77.53	82.91	+0.09	4.73
Pru European	170.06	181.88	+0.24	1.24
Pru Global Gth	78.71	84.18	-0.22	1.23
Pru High Inc	82.75	88.50	-0.23	4.94
Pru Intl	159.80	171.00	-0.43	0.99
Pru Ind Sm Co	68.39	73.14	-0.33	0.72
Pru Japanese	200.78	214.73	-1.60	...
Pru Nth Amer	137.54	147.10	-0.14	0.87
Pru Pacific Mkt	76.50	81.81	-0.11	1.33
Pru Prmr Inc	48.95	50.98	+0.09	7.51
Pru Smllr Cos	82.33	88.05	+0.08	2.04
Pru Spec Sits	97.69	104.48	-0.11	2.43
Pru UK Growth	108.94	116.51	-0.13	2.32
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	151.43	163.12	+0.06	3.60
NC Japan	276.66	296.46	+0.60	...
NC Mkt UK Cos	90.86	97.69	-0.14	2.53
NC America Inc	475.58	510.21	+7.25	0.74
-do- Acc	552.38	592.69	+8.42	0.74
NC Smlr UK Cos	266.27	290.33	-0.22	1.50
NC European	249.78	266.73	-1.82	1.40
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 829029 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	71.50	76.06	+0.82	3.71
Capital Units	143.30	152.40	+0.50	1.29
Commodity	103.00	109.50	+2.10	1.19
European Gth	152.50	162.20	+1.80	1.31
Financial Sec	171.60	182.50	-0.10	1.85
High Return	215.20	228.90	+0.80	4.38
High Yield	203.20	216.10	+0.50	4.04
Income Units	108.60	115.50	+0.30	4.93
Investment	176.20	187.40	-0.10	1.28
Japan Gth	156.50	166.40	+0.10	...
Japan Smllr	186.90	198.80	-1.00	...
Masterfund	46.35	49.30	-0.43	1.29
Scotbits	250.90	266.90	-0.40	1.34
Scotshares	256.70	273.00	-1.80	2.26
Scotyields	222.70	236.90	+0.90	3.91
Select Intl	127.90	136.00	+0.50	0.41
Smaller Cos	228.40	242.90	-0.20	3.96
Special Situation	110.00	117.00	+0.50	0.83
UK Equity	223.40	237.60	-0.90	2.67
US Growth	137.20	145.90	+1.50	0.39
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Enq: 0800 526 535. Broker Enq: 0800 526 540				
American	229.80	245.11	-1.78	0.51
-do- Acc	248.97	265.57	-1.93	0.51
Australian	123.41	131.63	-0.88	0.91
-do- Acc	145.08	154.75	-1.04	0.91
UK Enterprise	211.78	225.89	+0.42	2.35
-do- Acc	244.64	260.95	+0.49	2.35
European Gth	60.19	64.00	-0.09	1.51
-do- Acc	62.52	66.47	-0.10	1.51
Euro Smllr Cos	55.19	58.78	-0.19	0.43
-do- Acc	55.57	59.18	-0.19	0.43
Far Eastern Gth	71.64	76.38	-0.74	...
-do- Acc	72.77	77.61	-0.75	...
Fixed Interest	53.06	55.93	+0.32	6.91
-do- Acc	64.44	67.92	+0.39	6.91
Gilt Income	102.57	108.09	+0.31	7.60
-do- Acc	143.28	150.96	+0.43	7.60
Income	314.03	334.98	-0.49	3.89
-do- Acc	925.29	988.04	-1.44	3.89
Japan Enterprise	68.72	73.30	-0.75	...
-do- Acc	68.72	73.30	-0.75	...
Japan Smllr Cos	480.76	512.81	-6.75	...
-do- Acc	481.75	513.83	-6.75	...
Pacific Gth	95.58	101.93	-1.34	0.07
-do- Acc	98.40	104.95	-1.39	0.07
Smaller Cos	188.19	200.73	-0.90	0.89
-do- Acc	217.46	231.95	-0.57	0.89
Tokyo	108.84	116.09	-0.88	...
-do- Acc	109.94	117.27	-0.88	...
UK Equity	208.61	222.73	-0.01	2.64
-do- Acc	388.70	412.47	-0.02	2.64
US Smllr Cos	131.44	140.20	-0.87	...
-do- Acc	131.44	140.20	-0.87	...
World Fd	70.32	75.00	-0.09	1.46
-do- Acc	74.14	79.08	-0.09	1.46
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	45.80	48.78	-0.05	3.72
Equity Strategy	63.32	67.44	-0.39	1.01
European Opps	70.60	75.19	+0.49	3.22
Maximum Inc	99.27	101.83	+0.01	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	53.76	57.28	-0.24	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	341.80	365.40	+0.30	2.76
American	239.90	254.70	+0.50	0.94
Pacific	330.50	353.50	-4.20	0.63
European	443.30	474.10	-1.30	1.23
Worldwide	78.99	84.48	-0.37	1.07
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	300.40	319.60	+0.10	2.69
UK Sm Cos Eqty	207.10	220.40	+0.40	1.64
European	330.10	351.20	+4.00	1.82
North American	250.20	266.20	+3.50	0.80
Income Plus Inc	63.24	68.41	-0.03	3.66
UK Spec Sits	66.83	71.10	+0.28	2.76
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	25.40	27.19	+0.03	2.81
Intl Growth Acc	29.37	31.43	+0.28	0.89
Market Ldrs Acc	26.04	27.87	+0.03	2.92
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR. 071 626 6226				
European	97.45	...	+0.08	...
Global Bond	96.23	...	+0.22	2.50
Japan Samurai	95.49	...	-1.40	...
UK Growth	98.03	...	+0.18	4.13
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	44.11	46.87	+0.20	1.68
Equity Gth Acc	59.87	63.62	+0.20	1.61
UK Eq General	41.65	44.28	+0.18	2.28
-do- Acc	55.01	58.45	+0.20	2.28
European Acc	40.96	43.52	+0.20	1.29
Far East Acc	56.07	59.59	+0.10	0.21
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.15	31.89	+0.10	6.64
N American Acc	42.71	45.38	-0.50	0.78
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	270.00	302.90	+0.80	1.48
UK Eq High Inc	35.04	37.23	+0.20	3.96
-do- Acc	41.61	44.22	+0.20	3.96
UK Lgr Cos Inc	287.60	312.10	+1.90	3.78
UK Lgr Cos Acc	374.90	406.60	+3.00	3.78
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N253.61	N283.84	...	1.20
US Eq	$2.058	$2.186	...	0.80
Far East Eq	Y236.7	Y251.4	...	...
Japan Eq	Y241.2	Y256.2	...	...
FT Europe	111.50	118.30	...	2.19
FT North Am	$1.709	$1.812	...	1.09
FT Japan	Y228.3	Y242.1	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.920	$2.039	...	1.69
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	333.40	358.40	+4.30	0.32
British	932.70	986.80	-0.30	4.17
European	386.00	411.60	-1.90	1.41
Japan	145.60	154.60	-1.40	...
New Pacific	292.60	311.60	-1.80	1.39
Mngd Cash	96.10	96.10	...	5.06
Majority Stg	100.29	101.30	+0.01	4.78
Inv Tst	189.70	201.10	+0.50	1.79
Saints PFP	380.40	400.50	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE				
Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	719.00	769.00	-0.10	3.20
N America Acc	113.90	121.40	+0.30	0.20
Far East Acc	123.30	131.90	-0.60	...
W wide Bond	60.68	64.42	+0.08	5.42
European	82.44	88.17	+0.46	0.87
Equity Income	80.37	85.96	-0.08	4.29
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.81	36.17	+0.23	0.63
Managed Assets	118.26	126.49	+0.27	3.44
UK Income	36.00	38.51	...	3.14
UK Growth	36.15	38.67	+0.03	2.40
Worldwide Gth	31.02	33.18	+0.13	0.36
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	202.29	215.20	...	0.14
-do- Acc	222.18	236.37	-0.01	0.14
British Gth	84.42	89.81	-0.04	1.93
-do- Acc	99.33	105.67	-0.05	1.93
European	92.62	98.53	+1.06	1.13
-do- Acc	97.69	103.93	+1.12	1.13
Extra Inc	183.82	195.55	-0.12	3.99
-do- Acc	293.34	311.96	-0.18	3.99
General Unit	260.88	277.53	-0.39	2.46
-do- Acc	514.77	547.62	-0.77	2.46
Income	317.20	337.45	-0.02	3.61
-do- Acc	659.16	701.25	-0.04	3.61
International	477.35	507.82	-0.28	0.46
-do- Acc	624.90	664.79	-0.36	0.46
Pacific	341.06	362.83	-0.17	...
-do- Acc	358.26	381.13	-0.19	...
Premier Income	30.52	32.62	+0.03	6.61
-do- Acc	105.32	109.71	+0.06	6.61
Nat Resources	116.12	123.53	+1.72	0.10
-do- Acc	127.43	135.57	+1.89	0.10
Selected Opps	95.84	101.95	-0.92	1.18
-do- Acc	119.98	127.64	-1.15	1.18
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	75.82	80.87	-2.73	...
-do- Acc	78.21	83.42	-2.80	...
European Opps	59.82	63.71	-0.20	0.46
-do- Acc	60.44	64.37	-0.21	0.46
Far East Opps	151.47	161.56	-1.48	...
-do- Acc	154.99	165.32	-1.51	...
Japan	86.19	91.78	-1.21	...
-do- Acc	86.19	91.78	-1.21	...
Little Dragons	73.59	78.49	-0.38	0.63
-do- Acc	75.75	80.79	-0.41	0.63
Oriental Income	43.20	46.08	-0.43	3.45
-do- Acc	55.06	58.73	-0.56	3.45
Tiger	213.27	227.48	-3.26	1.16
-do- Acc	224.07	239.00	-3.42	1.16
UK Small Cos	75.26	80.49	+0.01	1.97
-do- Acc	87.80	93.90	+0.02	1.97
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	16.84	17.91	+0.69	0.50
Pacific Basin	31.39	33.39	+0.17	0.60
Canadian Gth	37.21	39.58	-0.05	...
Global Bond	$0.954	$0.994	-0.002	7.25
Penny Share	24.62	26.19	...	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.84	52.85	+0.01	5.40
Gilt Growth	66.30	66.69	+0.18	...
Gilt Income	51.20	53.28	+0.11	7.75
Short Dtd Gilt	105.80	108.20	+0.10	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.715	$0.724	-0.000	...
Challenger	92.14	94.27	+0.71	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	67.69	72.01	-0.08	2.00

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return): † Ex dividend: ‡ Middle price: ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	14,000	Carlton C	355	Legal & Gn	1,500	Scot & New	1,100
Abbey Natl	1,000	Coats Vyla	2,300	Lloyds Bk	3,400	Scot Power	1,200
Alld-Lyons	1,800	Cm Union	758	MB Cardn	1,100	Sears	8,600
Anglian W	368	Courtaulds	584	Marks Spr	2,800	Svrn Trent	1,900
Argyll Gp	5,200	De La Rue	535	NFC	3,000	Shell Trans	1,700
Arjo Wig	1,800	Enterpr Oil	221	NatWst Bk	2,300	Siebe	1,000
AB Foods	291	Fisons	4,600	Nat Power	1,000	SmKl Bch	3,500
BAA	1,000	Forte	1,800	Nth Wst W	1,400	Smith Nph	2,000
BAT Inds	2,300	GRE	1,900	Nthrn Fds	2,900	Sthrn Elec	382
BOC	749	GUS A	388	P & O	1,200	Std Chartd	355
BP	5,000	Gen Acc	444	Pearson	971	Sun Allnce	1,000
BT	4,200	Gen Elec	3,700	PowerGen	716	TI Gp	1,700
BTR	4,700	Glaxo	3,800	Prudential	3,000	TSB	4,500
Bk of Scot	2,100	Granada	5,300	RTZ	1,000	Tate & Lyle	2,100
Barclays	2,600	Grand Met	2,600	Rank Org	186	Tesco	4,300
Bass	3,200	Guinness	2,900	Reckitt Col	274	Thames W	839
Blue Circle	3,100	HSBC	2,600	Redland	936	Thrn EMI	1,900
Boots	1,200	Hanson	5,600	Reed Intl	2,000	Tomkins	1,700
Bowater	917	ICI	4,000	Rentokil	1,100	Unilever	1,100
Brit Airwys	7,300	Inchcape	783	Reuters	618	Utd Bisc	993
Brit Gas	5,800	Kingfisher	532	Rothmans	161	Vodafone	2,500
Brit Steel	3,600	Kwik Save	300	Ryl Ins	2,100	Wellcome	1,700
Burmah C	250	LASMO	1,000	Ryl Bk Scot	1,000	Whitbd 'A'	1,400
Cable Wire	1,700	Ladbroke	6,100	Sainsbury	2,000	Wlms Hld	2,300
Cadbury	1,000	Land Secs	1,100	Scot Hydro	1,000	Zeneca	5,200

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3512.20 (+0.55)
S&P Composite 447.57 (+0.14)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 19925.51 (+23.09)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7189.10 (-115.73)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 108.9 (-0.6)

Sydney: AO 1727.2 (+2.5)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1692.29 (+2.73)

FT 30 share: 2248.7 (-4.8)

Brussels:
General 6277.21 (+26.54)

Paris: CAC 542.79 (+23.53)

Zurich: SKA Gen 521.20 (+4.30)

London:
FT A All-Share 1420.99 (-2.45)
FT 500 1539.69 (-2.70)
FT Gold Mines 174.5 (+0.6)
FT Fixed Interest 112.47 (+0.43)
FT Govt Secs 95.95 (+0.33)
Bargains 29390
SEAQ Volume 555.4m
USM (Datastrm) 138.99 (+0.20)

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 14	June 25	September 16	September 27

Call options were taken out on 17/6/93: Aerospace Engineering, Aitken Hume, Alphameric, Division, Enterprise Comp, Ferranti, J Foster, Heritage, Mid-States, NSM, Ramco, Security Services, St Modwen, Southern Business Group, Vaal Reef. Puts: Aitken Hume, NSM.

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2890.0	2897.0	2874.0	2878.0	10518
Previous open interest: 51900	Sep 93	2910.0	2915.0	2894.0	2897.5	5857
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.19	94.25	94.10	94.11	64795
Previous open interest: 293351	Dec 93	94.24	94.30	94.17	94.20	23437
	Mar 94	94.07	94.14	94.03	94.08	9434
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.54	96.55	96.54	96.56	685
Previous open interest: 12589	Dec 93	96.12	96.15	96.11	96.14	761
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.27	93.33	93.24	93.25	81459
Previous open interest: 517924	Dec 93	93.87	93.91	93.83	93.84	20225
Long Gilt	Jun 93	105-31	106-09	105-31	106-08	722
Previous open interest: 69238	Sep 93	104-25	105-14	104-24	105-10	54057
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	108.60	108.72	108.55	108.69	1942
	Dec 93				108.69	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	94.90	95.00	94.74	94.83	59312
Previous open interest: 158818	Dec 93	95.11	95.12	94.94	94.97	360
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	99.06	99.21	99.01	99.07	3525
Previous open interest: 16901	Dec 93				99.28	0
Three month ECU	Sep 93	93.34	93.40	93.33	93.34	1429
Previous open interest: 19367	Dec 93	93.72	93.79	93.71	93.73	6080
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.42	95.47	95.42	95.43	4893
Previous open interest: 33570	Dec 93	95.64	95.70	95.64	95.66	1211
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	101.15	101.38	100.94	100.97	10829
Previous open interest: 46383	Dec 93	101.00	101.00	100.73	100.68	34

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 79.9 (day's range 79.2-80.0).

Mkt Rates for June 17	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7895-2.8153	2.8118-2.8153	⅛-⅜ds	½-¾ds
Brussels	51.14-51.58	51.52-51.58	2-7ds	10-17ds
Copenhagen	9.5130-9.6070	9.5850-9.6020	1½-2½ds	3¾-5¼ds
Dublin	1.0255-1.0285	1.0260-1.0282	8-13ds	26-34ds
Frankfurt	2.4889-2.5105	2.5073-2.5105	⅜-½ds	1-1¼ds
Lisbon	237.17-239.66	239.21-239.68	137-148ds	411-439ds
Madrid	190.27-192.01	191.72-192.01	87-101ds	238-258ds
Milan	2262.00-2281.60	2275.50-2281.60	6-9ds	22-24ds
Montreal	1.9212-1.9362	1.9325-1.9346	0.26-0.15pr	0.51-0.34pr
New York	1.5030-1.5160	1.5150-1.5160	0.35-0.33pr	1.00-0.97pr
Oslo	10.5070-10.6030	10.5800-10.6030	½-1¼ds	1½-3ds
Paris	8.3650-8.4490	8.4350-8.4490	1-1½ds	2⅞-3¼ds
Stockholm	11.1640-11.3070	11.2830-11.3070	2⅛-3⅛ds	5¾-7¼ds
Tokyo	160.67-162.28	161.57-161.84	⅜-¼pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.49-17.67	17.63-17.67	1⅜-2⅛ds	3¼-5¼ds
Zurich	2.2331-2.2408	2.2376-2.2407	¼pr-par	⅝-½pr

Source: Extel. Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

Argentina peso*	1.5064-1.5090
Australia dollar	2.2370-2.2402
Bahrain dinar	0.5615-0.5735
Brazil cruzeiro *	73407.0-73455.6
Cyprus pound	0.735-0.745
Finland markka	8.332-8.448
Greece drachma	336.0-343.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.681-11.691
India rupee	46.87-47.83
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4485-0.4585
Malaysia ringgit	3.8761-3.8804
Mexico peso	4.63-4.73
New Zealand dollar	2.7798-2.7868
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.582-5.708
Singapore dollar	2.4409-2.4441
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0272-7.0774
S Africa rand (com)	4.8857-4.8936
U A E dirham	5.4655-5.5895

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

Australia	1.4814-1.4825
Austria	11.65-11.66
Belgium (Com)	34.04-34.05
Canada	1.2760-1.2765
Denmark	6.332-6.342
France	5.565-5.570
Germany	1.6575-1.6585
Hong Kong	7.7358-7.7368
Ireland	1.4745-1.4865
Italy	1502.0-1505.0
Japan	106.75-106.85
Malaysia	2.5672-2.5682
Netherlands	1.856-1.857
Norway	6.99-7.01
Portugal	157.8-158.0
Singapore	1.6165-1.6175
Spain	126.75-126.85
Sweden	7.45-7.46
Switzerland	1.4835-1.4845

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5⅞ Low 3 Week fixed: 5⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 5⅞ ; 3 mth 5⅞ . Sell: 2 mth 5¹³⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth: 5¹³⁄₁₆ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	
Interbank:	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	6-5⅞
Overnight: open 5⅞, close 3.					
Local Authority Deps:	5⅞	n/a	5¹³⁄₁₆	5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs:	3.10-3.07	n/a	3.17-3.14	3.30-3.27	3.64-3.61
Building Society CDs:	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: May 28, 1993. Agreed rates June 23, 1993 to July 25, 1993. Schemes II & III: 7.30%. Reference rate May 1, 1993 to May 28, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6.089%.

DEPOSITS

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3-2⅞	3⅛-2¹⁵⁄₁₆	3⅛-3	3⅜-3¼	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	7⅜-7¼	7⅛-7	8⅛-7⅞
French Franc:	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	7⅜-7¼	7-6⅞	8-7
Swiss Franc:	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	4⅞-4¾	5⅛-4⅞
Yen:	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3

Bullion: Open $368.95-369.25 Close: $370.90-371.30 High: $370.90-371.30 Low: $367.50-368.00 Krugerrand: $370.00-372.00 (£244.00-246.00)
Sovereigns: Old $87.50-90.50 (£55.75-57.75) New $87.50-90.50 (£55.75-57.75)
Platinum: $379.75 (£251.30) Silver: $4.35 (£2.87) Palladium: $128.50 (£85.05)

TRADED OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	500	42½	57	65	5	13½	20½
(*531½)	550	12½	28	37	27½	35½	44
Argyll	330	12	25	31½	13	21	26½
(*335½)	360	3½	11	19	35	39½	44½
ASDA	67	8	11	-	2	5	-
(*72½)	76	3	7	-	6	10	-
Boots	420	32	45	52	6	14	20
(*440)	460	9	24	31	26	34	40
Br Airways	287	20	31	36½	7½	14	19½
(*298½)	316	5½	17	22	24	29½	35
BP	300	18½	26½	32	6½	13½	18
(*310)	330	5	11	19	23½	30½	33½
Br Steel	100	8	11	16	5½	11	16
(*103)	110	3½	8½	10	11½	7½	11
C & W	700	45	63½	76½	11½	24	33½
(*738½)	750	15	36	50	37	49½	59
CU	580	27	39	-	13	27	-
(*590½)	629	6	18	-	44	58	-
ICI	680	37	50½	67	13	31	38
(*696½)	750	7	20	36	56	73	79
Kingfisher	535	62	72	-	4	12	-
(*588½)	584	21	40	-	14	30	-
Land Sec	550	48½	60½	66	2½	8½	15½
(*589)	600	11½	27	32½	18	28	35½
M & S	330	15	26	33	7½	13	19
(*335½)	360	4	12½	19	28	32	35
Nat West	460	28½	38	50	9½	21½	27
(*474½)	500	3½	19½	31½	32½	44½	49½
Sainsbury	460	36	53	60	5	13	18
(*487)	500	13	29	38	23	30	34
Shell	600	35	44½	55	5½	17	23
(*626)	650	7½	18½	30½	31	44	49
Smkl Bch	420	43	57½	68	6	16	24
(*450)	460	17½	34½	47½	20	33½	42
Storehse	200	13	21	26	6½	13	17
(*207)	220	4	13	17	19	24	29
Trafalgar	100	9	13	-	4	7½	-
(*104)	110	4½	9½	13	9	12½	16
Unilever	1000	50	77	91½	11	23½	32½
(*1030½)	1050	19½	46½	63½	32	45	57½
Zeneca	600	39	54½	69½	12	32	36
(*621)	650	13½	28	46	38½	58	66½
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**
Grnd Met	390	26	35	45	8½	16	27
(*406½)	420	9	21½	31	25½	32½	43½
Ladbroke	160	24	31	34	2½	8½	13½
(*180½)	180	11	18	23½	9½	17	24
Utd Bisc	390	22½	36	45½	14½	24	33
(*394½)	420	9½	23½	33½	32½	41½	50½

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
BAA	700	28½	49½	55	18	29	34
(*720)	750	8½	26½	32	50	56½	62
Thames W.	460	21½	32½	36	11	21	24
(*465½)	500	6½	14	18	37	44½	47
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
BAT Ind	425	19½	31½	42	11½	27½	31
(*426½)	450	10	21	29½	29	44	47
BTR	330	31½	36½	42	2½	7½	10½
(*354)	360	10	17½	23½	13	22	23½
Br Aero	390	36½	58	68	22	39½	42
(*400½)	420	22½	44	54	38	55	59
Br Telcm	420	18½	25	30	12½	23½	30
(*423)	460	4	10	15½	39	50½	56
Cadbury	420	43½	54	63½	5	13	17
(*450)	460	16	30	40½	19½	30	35
Guinness	460	43	58	69	6½	16	21
(*493½)	500	19	35	46½	22½	33	38½
GEC	330	13	21	25½	12½	17½	21
(*335)	360	3	9½	14	29½	38	40
Hanson	220	14½	20	23	4½	9½	13
(*228)	240	5	10½	14	15	20½	23½
LASMO	140	24½	30½	38	3½	8½	12
(*159)	160	11	19½	25	10½	18	21
Lucas	130	11	16½	19	8	15½	18½
(*131)	140	6	12	15	14½	23	25
Pilkingtn	120	14	19	21	3½	7½	12
(*127½)	130	8	13½	15	8	12½	16½
Prudential	300	31	36	43	3½	9	12
(*329)	330	11	19	26	14½	23	26
Redland	460	25	40	47½	17½	35	40
(*463½)	500	8½	23	31½	44	59	63½
Royal Ins	260	25½	35	41½	5	12½	16
(*284½)	288	13½	24	31½	13	21½	25
Tesco	200	24	29	33	4	8½	11½
(*217)	220	10	18	23	11	17	21
Vodafone	420	37½	53	60½	8	19	23½
(*449½)	460	15½	31	39	29½	38	43
Wellcome	300	19	26½	32	8	17½	21
(*309)	330	5½	13	19	27	36	39

FT-SE INDEX (*2873)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Jun	131	81	29	2	1½	1½
Jul	143	98	61	32	16	5½
Aug	161	122	87	59	36	23
Sep	176	138	107	79	58	42
Dec	-	192	-	131	-	85
Puts						
Jun	1½	1½	1½	26	84	134
Jul	6	15	28	53	88	134
Aug	22	32	48	72	102	141
Sep	35	48	67	89	118	154
Dec	-	79	-	119	-	175

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	420	21½	32½	39½	22½	28	34
(*438½)	460	7	16½	23½	50	54	58½
Amstrad	35	3½	5	6	4	5	5½
(*34½)	40	2	3½	4½	7	8	8½
Barclays	460	28	41½	50	23	30	36
(*461½)	500	12	24	32½	48½	54	59½
Blue Circ	240	29	34½	40½	7½	14	17
(*256½)	260	17	24	30	16½	24	27½
Br Gas	300	15	21	25	11½	19½	21½
(*308)	330	5½	9½	13	32½	39	41
Dixons	200	24	30	37	10	16	19
(*225½)	220	14	22	28	20	26	30
Forte	200	27½	33	38	6½	12½	15½
(*228½)	220	15½	22½	28	16	22½	25½
Hillsdwn	140	13	17½	21½	9	15½	17½
(*139½)	160	5½	8	13½	24	28	30½
Lonrho	100	12½	17	19	7	9½	13
(*106½)	110	8	12	-	12½	15	18
Sears	90	11	13½	15½	2½	4½	5
(*98)	100	4½	8	10	5	8½	9½
Thm EMI	850	56½	70½	78½	24½	34	44
(*887½)	900	26½	45½	54½	53	61	69½
Tomkins	220	22	28	32½	7½	11	15
(*234)	240	11	16½	23	18	21½	25½
TSB	180	20	24	27	6½	10½	14
(*193½)	200	8½	15	18	17	20	24
Wellcome	700	59½	81½	96	28	48½	56
(*719½)	750	34½	55½	69	53	74½	83
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**
Glaxo	550	73½	83½	97	15	31	42
(*595)	600	41	57	71	35	57	69
HSBC	600	43	65	79	37	50	65
(*645½)	700	20	44	56	65	78	92
Reuter	1300	84	123	148	48	70	92
(*1323½)	1350	59	95	125	75	95	118
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**
R-Royce	140	18½	23	25½	6½	12½	14½
(*150)	160	8½	14	17	17	23½	25½
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**
Fisons	160	22	30½	33	4½	11	14½
(*175)	180	9½	21	23	13	20	25
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Eastn Elec	460	21½	30	37	17½	24½	31
(*471½)	500	4½	16	20	47	51½	55½
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Natl Pwr	360	21	31½	37	15½	21	25½
(*361)	390	9	18½	24	34½	37½	42½
Scot Pwr	310	19½	24½	-	11	15	-
(*320½)	330	8	15½	19	23½	26½	29½

June 17, 1993 Tot: 29223 Call: 20008 Put: 9215 FT-SE Call: 3786 Put: 2411

*Underlying security price.

GNI REPORT: Old crop wheat continued to drift lower aided by retendering. New crop was firm initially on covering against physicals but sterlings improvement against the deutschmark gave bears confidence and prices fell back on good each-way trading during late morning. Further losses were seen during the afternoon as prices penetrated recent support levels and buying interest retreated.

LONDON FOX
COCOA
Jul 687-686 | Sep 773-770
Sep 697-695 | Dec 797-794
Dec 712-710 | Mar 814-813
Mar 731-729 | May 829-822
May 745-743
Jul 759-757 | Volume: 11687

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)
Jul 906-905 | Mar 935-930
Sep 924-923 | May 945-935
Nov 929-927 | Jul 955-940
Jan 920-928 | Volume: 3234

RAW SUGAR (FOB)
C Czarnikow
Spot unq | Dec unq
May unq | Mar -
Aug - | May -
Oct - | Aug -
Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters
Spot: 280.5 | Mar 281.9-80.0
Aug 285.0-84.6 | May 285.4-83.2
Oct 280.0-79.0 | Aug 290.4-85.3
Dec 280.5-79.5 | Oct 283.9-76.3
Volume: 895

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 17

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	86.37	111.78	143.37
(+/-)	-2.07	+1.57	-3.71
Eng/Wales:	86.37	111.82	142.43
(+/-)	-2.00	+1.93	-3.99
(%)	-68.8	-28.0	-8.9
Scotland:	86.39	110.91	148.96
(+/-)	-9.20	-5.29	-0.66
(%)	+46.8	-34.7	-41.8

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)
Open Close | Open Close
Jun unq unq | Aug unq unq
Jul 107.0 107.0 | Volume: 7

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)
Jun 134.50
Sep 106.60
Nov 108.05
Jan 110.00
Mar 113.00
Volume: 263

BARLEY (close £/t)
Sep 104.50
Nov 107.60
Jan 109.75
Mar 112.75
May 113.40
Volume: 33

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Aug 147.30
Oct 147.80
Dec 149.80
Feb 152.00
Apr 152.00
Volume: 0

POTATO
(£/t) Open Close
Nov unq 50.0
Apr 92.0 89.8
May 98.0 97.0
Volume: 51

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Jul 58.00-58.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Wednesday's night's gains were erased as Kuwaiti over-production threats were renewed.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.30	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Jul)	17.40	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.65	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	18.70	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.00	-0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	198 (n/c)	200 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	163 (+1)	164 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jul	165 (+1)	166 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Aug	167 (+1)	168 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	57 (n/c)	59 (n/c)
Naphtha	173 (+2)	174 (+1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL
Jul 164.50-64.75 | Oct 171.75 SLR
Aug 166.00-66.25 | Nov 174.75-75.00
Sep 168.25-68.50 | Dec 176.75-77.00
Vol: 10715

BRENT (6.00pm)
Aug 17.53-17.54 | Nov 18.11 BID
Sep 17.73-17.76 | Dec 18.24 BID
Oct 17.93 BID | Vol: 18704

UNLEADED GASOLINE
Jul 190.50-90.75 | Oct unq
Aug 189.50-91.75 | Nov unq
Sep unq | Vol: 42

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)
Jun 93 High: 1480 Low: 1475 Close: 1477
Jul 93 1350 1335 1335
Aug 93 unq unq 1333
Oct 93 unq unq 1410
Vol: 93 lots. Open Intrst: 3444 Index 1526 -8

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1233.0-1234.0	1241.5-1242.0	985615
Lead (£/tonne)	262.50-262.75	272.50-273.00	48650
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	920.50-921.50	939.00-939.50	262475
Tin ($/tonne)	5080.0-5090.0	5135.0-5140.0	1735
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1156.0-1156.5	1179.5-1180.0	882800
Nickel ($/tonne)	5518.0-5520.0	5580.0-5582.0	29304

Small losses on the day

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began June 7. Dealings end today. §Contango day June 21. Settlement day June 28. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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BUILDING, ROADS

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ELECTRICALS

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SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic●	16	...	...	2.1	34.2
155	86	Headlam	155	+2	...	...	...
500	330	Lambert	383	...	13.0	4.2	9.4
100	78	Pittards	78	...	2.0	3.2	22.3
30	20	Strong & Fisher	28	...	1.0	4.5	7.4
157	89	Style	156	...	...	2.5	98.5
55	53	UK Safety	54	...	...	23.8	1.8

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
485	408	Allied Text	468	...	12.6	3.4	15.0
69	54	Beckman (A)	59	...	4.7	...	11.7
33	21	Bolton Gp	30	...	...	...	15.3
165	141	Br Mohair	160	+1	8.5	6.6	—
20	15	Chartwell●	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	330	...	7.2	2.7	20.6
601	522	Courtauld Text	553	-2	13.6	3.1	15.1
53½	24½	Cupid●	28	-1	...	...	...
248½	209	Dawson	215	-6	...	5.4	17.5
30	22	Drummond	24	+1	...	...	...
37½	27	Dewhirst	30	...	...	...	...
72	65	Faupel●	70	...	...	8.7	6.9
34	15	Foster (John)	23	-1	0.5	2.7	...
133	82	Gaskell	118	...	4.2	4.5	—
186	150	Hicking Pntcst	183	...	4.0	2.8	—
59	45	Jerome (S)	55	-1	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	352†	...	12.0	4.3	23.3
506	353½	Leeds	474	...	...	1.9	22.0
42	15	Lister	36	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	76	Lyles (S)	81	...	4.9	7.6	9.2
180	89	Magellan	159	...	1.4	1.1	...
133	69	Parkland 'A'	132	...	2.0	1.9	...
102½	82	Readicut	95½	...	3.4	4.6	—
53	38	SEET	41	...	...	...	...
94	72	Sirdar	87	...	5.1	7.4	15.3
70	44	Stirling Gp	66	...	1.8	3.6	—
51	42	Stoddard	43	+1	2.6	7.6	11.5
312	250	Tomkinsons	295	...	11.5	4.9	28.5
62½	32½	West Trust	41	...	...	7.6	...
417	252	Yorklyde	397	...	10.4	3.3	13.0

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	411	BAT	424	-4	...	5.5	15.9
690	584½	Rothmans 'B'	640	+1	10.2	2.0	14.6

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
434	349	Assoc Br Ports	433	...	...	2.5	...
813	717	BAA	721	-7	...	2.8	11.6
312	249	Br Airways	298†	-3	...	4.4	10.3
106	56	Clarkson (H)	90†	-5	1.5	2.1	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23#	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	420	...	...	...	...
52	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
160	126	Graig	155	...	...	...	...
188	147	IoM Steam	188	...	...	5.3	9.9
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	33	...	0.5	1.9	...
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	84	...	...	1.5	16.2
2250	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2100	...	4.5	0.3	11.5
349	280	Mersey Docks	343	...	7.5	2.7	22.0
210	161	Natl Express	200	...	...	4.4	14.3
284	238	NFC	242	-7	6.5	3.4	18.1
302	244	Ocean Group	283	+2	...	6.3	23.5
65	40	Ocean Wilson	59†	...	4.0	8.5	20.7
648	504	P & O Dfd	633	-4	...	6.0	34.3
152	127	P & O 5 1/2%	151	...	...	4.6	...
595	448	Powell Duffryn	548	...	22.6	5.3	—
140	117	Seacon●	136	+1	...	4.7	8.6
139	112	Stagecoach	136	...	...	3.5	17.4
42	24	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
50½	31½	TNT	48½	-1	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britn	735	-5	11.8	2.0	28.2
382	173	Tiphook	324	...	17.3	6.7	6.4
298	233	TDG	233	...	9.5	5.1	...

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
533	453	Anglian Water	476	-8	...	5.7	9.4
582	547	Northumbrian	581	-4	...	5.0	6.0
533	431½	North West	467†	-7	...	5.7	8.3
533	430	Severn Trent	483	-13	...	5.6	6.9
584	454	Sthrn Water	506	-4	...	5.4	7.7
1350	1225	Sth Staffs	1300†	+12	47.0	4.5	—
509	465	South West	480†	-2	...	6.1	8.0
563	457½	Thames Water	466†	-10	...	5.6	8.8
612	506	Welsh Water	578	+2	21.4	4.6	6.7
640	530	Wessex Water	581	+4	...	4.7	8.9
593	474	Yorkshire W	489†	...	...	5.4	8.3

Source: Finstat

● USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
103	100	Treas 12¾% 1993	100†	...	12.50	...
100½	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.68
106	101	Treas 13¼% 1993	103	-	13.30	5.65
102	101	Treas 8¼% 1994	102	-	8.35	5.67
109	106	Treas 14½% 1994	106	-	13.68	5.66
109	106	Exch 13½% 1994	106	-	12.67	5.64
105	104	Treas 10% 1994	104	-	9.61	5.60
110	107	Exch 12½% 1994	107	-	11.61	5.77
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	-	8.64	5.89
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	109	...	11.00	6.01
96	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	+	3.13	5.34
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107xd	+	9.50	6.23
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	-	11.18	6.35
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117†	-	11.95	6.62
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	121	...	12.51	6.72
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	116	...	11.34	6.77
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	109	...	9.14	6.86
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	119†	...	11.20	7.06
112	110	Exch 10½% 1997	111	...	9.45	7.03
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	105	-	8.25	7.06
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	128	...	11.60	7.29
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	109†	-	8.89	7.25
104	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	-	7.20	7.08
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98	-	6.83	7.06
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	125	+	11.12	7.57

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	134	...	11.51	7.44
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	119	...	10.06	7.59
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	109	+	8.70	7.46
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	121	...	10.12	7.67
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	113	...	9.22	7.52
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	113	+	9.04	7.58
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	107	+	8.37	7.52
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	127	+	10.22	7.89
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	112	-	8.91	7.83
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	111	-	8.74	7.85
103	97	Treas 8% 2003	100	+	7.93	7.86
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	113	+	8.82	8.04
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	119	+	9.64	8.09
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72	+	4.82	7.09
112	105	Conv 9½% 2004	110	+	8.63	8.12
112	105	Conv 9½% 2005	110	+	8.63	8.14
131	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128	+	9.74	8.36
101	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	99	-	8.07	8.12
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	123†	+	9.60	8.31
104	97	Treas 8½% 2007	102xd	+	8.30	8.19
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	135	-	9.94	8.36

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
108	101	Treas 9% 2008	105	+	8.45	8.23
99	92	Treas 8% 2009	97	+	8.18	8.26
108	100	Conv 9% 2011	106xd	+	8.46	8.31
108	100	Treas 9% 2012	106	+	8.46	8.32
76	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75	+	7.31	8.04
92	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94	+	8.28	8.34
97	93	Treas 8% 2013	96	+	8.28	8.34
135	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	132	+	9.02	8.53
105	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	103	+	8.44	8.38

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
42	38	War Ln 3½%	41	+	8.43	...
30	27	Treas 2½%	29	+	8.44	...

INDEX-LINKED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
134	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	134	...	...	1.33
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	196	...	2.12	2.86
109	103	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108	-	2.47	3.02
169	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165	+	2.94	3.27
163	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162	+	3.08	3.31
111	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	110	+	3.13	3.40
170	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	169†	+	3.14	3.35
154	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	153	+	3.30	3.49
159	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158	+	3.37	3.54
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130	+	3.42	3.57
139	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138	+	3.49	3.63
133	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132	+	3.54	3.66
111	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110†	+	3.54	3.66
111	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	110	+	3.55	3.67

INFOTECH

Dr Hermann Hauser is making a comeback and his ideas could help Britain, says **Jane Bird**

Acorn man plants an oak tree

British innovators are well-known for dreaming up *ingenious ideas and failing* to exploit them commercially. In the early 1980s, companies such as Acorn and Sinclair were world leaders in *home computers, yet both failed to* fulfil their early promise. Sinclair was swallowed up by Amstrad, while Acorn had to be rescued by Olivetti.

Now Dr Hermann Hauser, co-founder of Acorn, is making a comeback with a company called EO that has developed a pen-based portable computer or "personal *communicator*".

It has no keyboard and there are no complicated instructions to learn. The idea is that it should be used as an electronic book. When switched on, a list of contents appears and the "page" wanted is selected by pointing at a part of the screen with an electronic pen.

This pen is also used to write information on the screen. As long as the characters are printed separately, the powerful software is able to recognise handwriting and convert it into computer text. This may need a little correction at first as the machine learns the operator's handwriting style. Handwritten notes and sketches and diagrams can also be stored as images.

The device can be plugged into a telephone socket to send and receive faxes or other communications. Users on the move can also *plug it into a mobile telephone.*

Later this month, around 30 machines are due to go on trial in Britain and the device is scheduled to go on sale in the autumn at around £2,000. In America, where the EO is already available, stocks are selling out, Dr Hauser claims. Early users are people who have a strong need for mobile computer communications, such as those in financial services, engineers or *sales people.*

If this does succeed as a rare example of British innovation being successfully marketed, it could be a useful blueprint for *others.*

The solution, argues Dr Hauser, is to form a "strategic start-up" supported by powerful business partners. EO's shareholders include *AT&T, the US telecoms giant,* Matsushita of Japan, the world's largest consumer electronics company, and Marubeni, a global distribution and trading business.

Together they have stumped up "tens of millions of dollars" for EO — enough to give it sufficent funds for the several years it may take to become profitable. The advantage for those running EO is that they have no need to trail around investors every few months trying to raise the next round of capital.

> 'Looking back, we missed an opportunity'

Mr Hauser, who is chairman of EO Europe, says that the problem for British companies is that they do not think on a global scale from the outset and recognise where they have a lead. "Looking back at Acorn, we missed a huge opportunity. At the time, we knew we had our nose out in front with the best technology, but we did not really know how advanced we were compared with companies such as Apple and IBM. We were three or four years ahead."

Another mistake was not to use market leadership to set standards — *the British success of Acorn's* BBC Micro as a home and educational machine might have been repeated around the world with a different strategy.

Equally, parts of the technology could have been more widely exploited. For example the BBC Micro's built-in networking system was, for a short period, much in demand by other manufacturers but Acorn refused to release it.

"Acorn could be a £5 billion to £10 billion company today if we had known then what we know now," Dr Hauser says. "We could have set a worldwide standard with the right partners but it never occurred to us. It was not an issue and it was never raised at board meetings."

TONY WHITE



Dr Hermann Hauser, co-founder of Acorn, with his pen-based personal communicator

This time round Dr Hauser was determined to sign up some loyal big brothers from the beginning. He visited every company that might want to get involved, including Sun, Hewlett Packard, Apple, Philips and Olivetti. In the end AT&T and Mitsubishi were deemed best because they were big in two key aspects of the business — communications and consumer electronics.

For their partners the alliance offers several advantages, Dr Hauser says. Large companies are notoriously bad at innovation. "They cannot do start-ups. They *have tried in the past and failed."*

Small, nimble teams tend to be far more enthusiastic and focused while strategic start-ups are also much simpler and more straightforward than joint ventures. They are more frugal than in-house teams, giving the partners access to innovation at a relatively low price.

But not all EO's shareholding belongs to the partners — a substantial amount is still with the employees. The aim is to motivate individuals with the prospect of rich rewards if the venture succeeds. At Microsoft, for example, many of the founding staff are now millionaires. As Dr Hauser says: "It means we can put ten thousand volts across the team to make them jump through hoops."

> 'It could be the template for the future'

Although Dr Hauser is based in Cambridge, EO's headquarters is in California's Silicon Valley where two thirds of *its 100 staff are employed.* The reason for this is the much larger domestic market in the United States which is believed to be more receptive to new high-tech products. "In this market it is not feasible to produce something solely for Britain," Dr Hauser says.

EO also has venture funding from Kleiner Perkins, a venture *capital firm based in Palo Alto,* California, afterhaving failed to attract British investment. Dr Hauser says he visited many British venture capitalists in the early days. "They thought it was one of the best business plans they had ever seen, but they said it was too risky," he says.

Cambridge in particular has suffered heavily from the backlash against technology funding. "It was over-hyped in the 1980s when it lacked marketing expertise and links with the rest of the world," says Dr Hauser. "But all those things are getting much better as people have got things wrong, gained experience and tried again. There is a whole under*growth of expertise now in place* and Cambridge is well-placed to become one of the premier high-tech areas in Europe."

When it comes to raising funds, he is almost messianic in his praise of the strategic start-up. "It could be the template of a new life form for British companies of the future," he says.

Cordless phones get in a twist

Portable handsets are proving awkward for users and makers alike

Cordless telephones are beginning to arrive in the *office. The problem is,* office workers do not know how to use them, according to the makers. Like their domestic equivalent, cordless office telephones enable people to make or receive calls anywhere in an office, warehouse or on a building site.

Tony Warwick, director of European cordless systems for Motorola, one of the biggest makers of digital cordless telephones, says: "Typically, when cordless phones first arrive, the users tend to leave them on their desks. Then they come roaring back at full speed to the office when *the phone rings."*

But once office workers have got used to the cordless culture, they will *not do without it,* says David Wright, a marketing manager for GPT, one of the *first in the cordless* office system market, with a system based on the CT2 standard used for domestic digital cordless telephones and the Rabbit telepoint system.

"About 70 per cent of calls to offices do not get through first time," he says. "Cordless telephones can reduce that dramatically and this can be particularly important simply from a customer-service point of view, as no salesman wants to be unavailable to a buyer."

Availability is particularly important for small businesses, where management tend to be wandering round the premises more than in big corporations. Small businesses are also keen on the secondary benefit of answering calls as they come in rather than returning them — on their telephone bill.

GPT's system can handle about 100 cordless telephones on one site. Add-on systems for up to 500 cordless telephones are on the way. Earlier this month, BT announced a cordless system, developed by Northern Telecom and using CT2 technology.

One problem, however, is a *standards dispute that could* split the market. First on the scene was CT2, developed in Britain by the radio communications sector, to try and move into the telephony market. The traditional pabx (company switchboard) manufacturers have replied with DECT, which is used in the Ericsson system due to go on sale shortly.

The DECT systems are still not fully agreed, making it doubtful that handsets from one manufacturer will be usable on other systems. The result will probably be that domestic and small business markets will be dominated by CT2 and large corporate systems by DECT.

Non-compatibility between systems means that many office workers who might have benefited from a pocket handset that they could also use at home and while travelling will probably find that they are unable to take advantage of it outside the office.

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DMX was founded in 1986 by the American company International Cablecasting Technologies (ICT), and is now available to more than 10 million homes in the US. The DMX service, which is expected to cost around £10 per month when it arrives in Britain, will initially be tested in the Bristol area by Avon Cable. Satellite company BSkyB is also planning to offer the service.

Although subscribers to DMX will not be able to select individual musical tracks, opponents in the music industry are worried that it will greatly reduce the number of people buying CDs and tapes.

Not surprisingly, ICT refutes these charges. "We believe DMX will encourage sales rather than reduce them," argues Richard Cohen, the managing director of ICT's European division. "If people like a particular track, they will use the information supplied on the handset to go out and buy records. Similar arguments were used by the film companies about video cassettes and pay TV, but they have not reduced the sales of cinema tickets".

Mr Cohen points out that *the record* companies Sony and Warner are supporting a rival cable music system in America and that DMX is designed to discourage home taping: "It *is important to* be sympathetic to the music industry. For that reason we do not make announcements or publish a programming guide and nor do we play a complete album."

Lisa Gordon, spokeswoman for the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI), which represents the music business, says: "I would be surprised if record sales were not affected by these sort of services. The record industry is not against new technologies, but artists should have some control over the way their music is distributed."

IFPI has recommended a number of steps, one of which involves adding an inaudible code to the music. The code would contain details of the artist and record company which would be automatically logged for royalty distribution.

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Spreading the word — by fax

David Hewson explains how this fast-changing system offers many benefits


ALVIN DONOHUE

Heavenly system: Father Gerard Quigley sends out reports and other diocesan communications from the keyboard of his home PC

Ten years ago hardly anyone had heard of the fax machine. Today it is everyman's telex, a vital communications tool for businesses throughout the world, and set to invade the home. Industry analysts predict that there will be 100 million fax machines in operation in America alone by the year 2000, and that a third of all phone lines will be connected to a fax device.

Fax is one of the most astonishing technology successes of the last decade, but frequently one of the most infuriating too. Everyone has suffered from the vanishing fax mystery, that slippery communication that always elicits the plaintive cry: "But I faxed it to you days ago."

Fax phone number directories are notoriously inaccurate and incomplete, partly because of the fear of the dread junk fax snowstorm that may eat its way through your expensive box of thermal paper if your number does become public.

The trouble is that fax may be clever, but it isn't smart. A fax machine is essentially a computer that performs only three functions — it scans outgoing documents, prints incoming ones, and converts both into a common electronic "picture" that it can exchange with other fax machines over the phone.

Electronic-mail systems through modems are much more capable, and usually faster, but they suffer from incompatibilities, are difficult to set up and are relatively uncommon in most businesses.

Fax, on the other hand, is everywhere. For all its shortcomings, it has become the international electronic mail standard by default, mainly because all you have to do is take it out of the box and plug it in.

The days of the fax as a dumb distributor of thermal sheets are numbered, however. Mainstream fax manufacturers are increasingly concerned about competition from alternative paperless fax through modems attached to office or notebook PCs.

A fax modem is already a popular piece of equipment for notebook users — some 50 per cent of Apple's Powerbooks are thought to be used in conjunction with one. Virtually all fax modems can be used for conventional electronic communications too, but the most popular use for them is for fax. Properly equipped and set up, the travelling executive can send or receive faxes in a hotel bedroom almost anywhere in the world without ever having to print out a piece of paper.

New "fax bank" services mean that he or she can even be sent faxes while on the move. The fax is sent to an electronic mail fax bank, stored temporarily and then downloaded by the recipient later by phoning the fax bank and giving a password.

Sales of fax modems and software are growing fast in Europe, according to the American company Delrina, which produces one of the most popular software packages, Winfax. One of the reasons is price — modems are tumbling in cost and sophisticated software is relatively cheap too.

For a list price of £99, Delrina's top-range package can send and receive faxes, comes with 100 ready-designed fax sheets, many of them with cartoons by a leading American artist, and will even scan incoming faxes using Optical Character Recognition (OCR) techniques to turn them into a word processing file automatically.

Like most fax packages, Winfax works in the background, sending, receiving and processing behind the scenes while the user works normally on the PC using other applications during the process.

Those who have followed the fax modem path show few regrets, least of all for the costly boxes of thermal paper demanded by conventional fax machines.

Father Gerard Quigley, a Roman Catholic priest and teacher in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, has found his work transformed by the technology. He now sends out many reports and other diocesan communications using Winfax on his home PC.

> 'I couldn't go back to the old days when we typed out letters on a typewriter'

He times the messages for off-peak phone time using Mercury, and a "phonebook" run by the software maintains his names and addresses. He says the results are cheaper and faster than sending letters and enable him to contact his distribution list of about 40 fax-owning parishioners more easily than ever before, without ever dialling a single phone number or printing out a piece of paper.

"Most people still receive them on conventional fax machines, but I think they will eventually start moving to modems. I couldn't ever dream of going back to the old days when we typed out the letter on a typewriter and then had to feed it through the fax for everyone we wanted to send it to. It was a dreadful waste of time".

This summer, Delrina will release a new version of Winfax designed to work with the latest generation of DSP or digital signal processor modems.

Smart software and DSP promise to shake up fax and phone use, particularly for small businesses. They should finally do away with the need for separate lines for fax and voice calls. A DSP modem can distinguish between a voice phone call, a call from a fax, and signals from a touch-tone phone. The device is much more sophisticated than the present generation of "line-splitters" which can tell a fax from a voice call.

With DSP, the user can set up a complete voice and fax phone combination which will act as an answering and messaging system and allow callers to access information using the "press touch-tone button 3 for more information" facility currently found only on very expensive switchboards.

Properly programmed, a DSP PC can answer calls, send faxes on request, record phone conversations and voice messages on the system from outside the office. If the phone service allows, the software will also display the phone number of all callers to a line — even ones who do not leave a message.

For a small business, one PC, a DSP modem and a single phone line could offer a significantly more efficient replacement for an existing two-line system, answering machine, and fax for an investment of only a few hundred pounds. And it will still do all the work in the background, leaving the PC free to be used for other office tasks while it answers the phone.

Fax modems have their disadvantages. They can be difficult to set up and sometimes to use. The only way to fax paper items is to scan them into a desktop scanner attached to the PC. But for anyone who needs to fax reports to a variety of recipients the ease and speed with which messages can be dispatched direct from the screen are infectious.

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Wanted: women

THE share of women students on computer-science courses has almost halved from a peak of 24 per cent in 1978. A project by the National Council for Education and Technology is now looking for sponsors to try and get more females into the field at an early age.

"Research from the United States and mainland Europe shows that girls there are pursuing information technology careers. We need to find out why their experiences are not similar in this country," says Margaret Bell, NCET's chief executive. Organisations interested in supporting the project can ring 0203 416994 for further information.

Deaf dialling

BT has introduced its first public telephones for the deaf. The systems, installed on a trial basis at King's Cross railway station, Heathrow Airport and four other sites, include a keyboard and a screen for text readout, but can also be used as a normal pay telephone.

Deaf users will be able to use the telephones to communicate with other text terminals over telephone lines.

BT also has a system called Typetalk in which a deaf caller using a text terminal is connected with an operator who can relay messages to and from hearing people with a regular telephone.

Virtually here

SEGALAND game centres, where punters drive virtual-reality racing cars and grapple with flashier video games than they can get at home, are already a part of the Japanese landscape.

Japan's video game maker Sega is planning to open ten high-tech game centres in Europe and the America. A centre is planned for Bournemouth in July and a new north London shopping mall in August. An arcade in Las Vegas will follow in October.

Drop ban call

AT&T has asked the Clinton administration to remove most of the remaining Cold War era restrictions on exports of high-tech telecommunications equipment to China and the former Soviet Union.

The company argues such controls are outdated and ineffective and that it is some foreign competitors, who are not subject to the export controls, who are gaining a huge advantage in sales of equipment such as advanced fibre-optic transmission technology.

Under cover

TELEWORKERS — those who use computers, faxes and other equipment to work from home — may be uninsured. Household insurers often exclude coverage for any property used for business purposes.

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A company called 3D Games in California expects to release a video game this year



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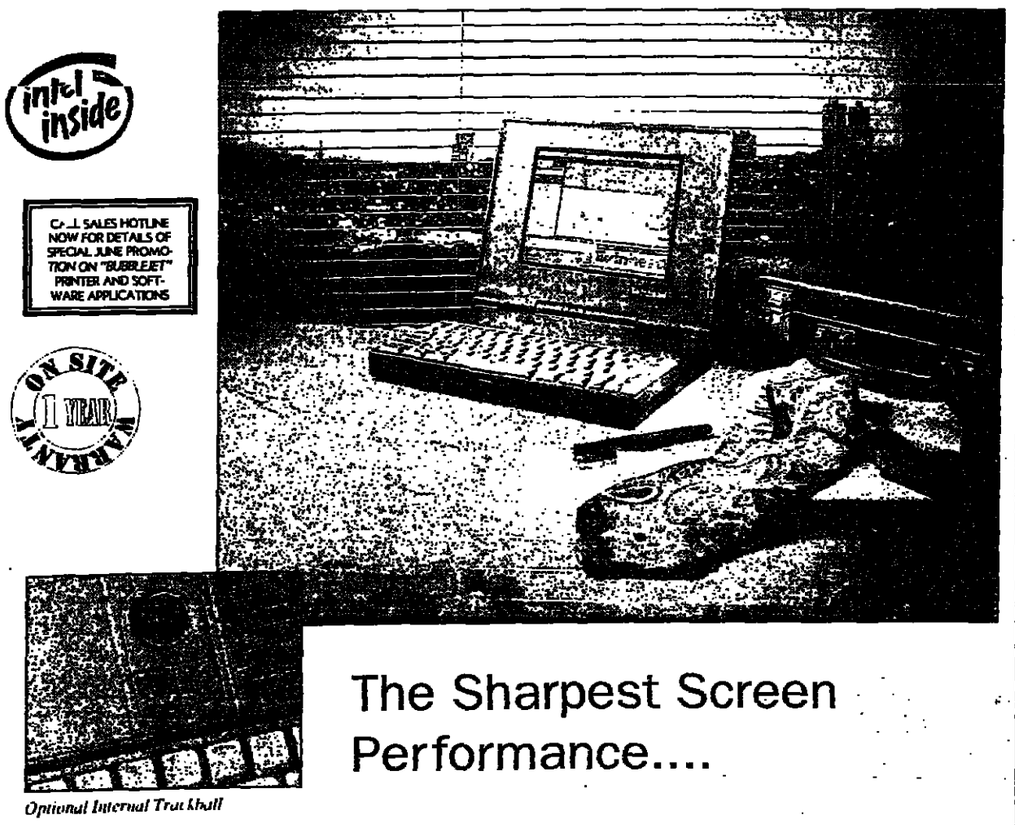
The game, featuring news footage and sound bites, will allow players to control the picture, hear real Clinton dialogue, and pretend they are sitting in the Oval Office, running the country.

"We can make Bill laugh, we can make Bill cry," says 3D's president, Seaver Lasson.

Breaking ring

KAREL Van Miert, the EC competition commissioner, has said that national monopolies in telecommunications will be dissolved even if this meets opposition from states.

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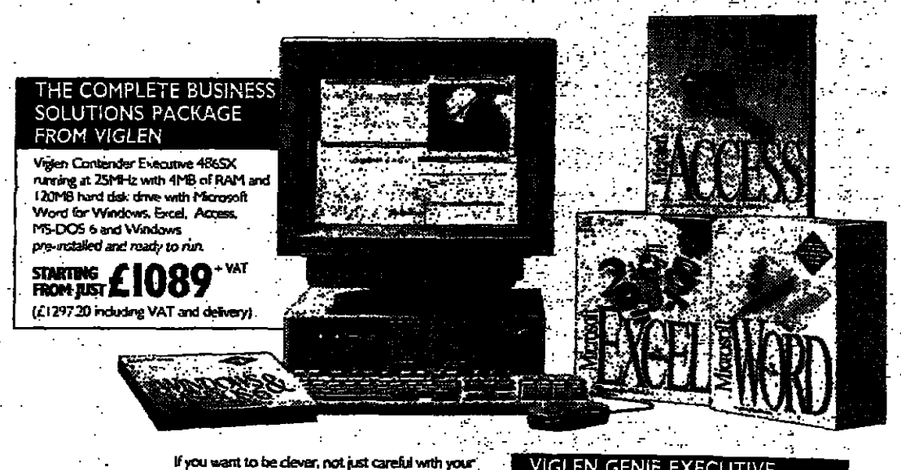
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Expert help in short supply

The huge numbers of PC users face a lack of troubleshooters to back the user-friendly revolution, reports **David Guest**

Despite ten years of optimistic flannel about "user-friendly" personal computers, the routine difficulties experienced by office computer users constitute one of the great growth areas in information technology (IT) job creation.

A report by the West London Training and Enterprise Council, for example, predicts that at least 1,000 extra jobs will be created in West London alone over the next three or four years just to provide the people needed to give technical help to computer users.

If the council's assertion that economic activity in their area is similar to that of the UK as a whole is correct, this would indicate that nationally the growing requirement for staff to support office computer users will generate more than 40,000 jobs within the next five years. Whether there will be sufficient people with the appropriate skills is another matter.

The growth of this sort of support function is following in the wake of the spread of PCs. Before the PC, few workers had access to a computer. Their occasional need for technical back-up could be easily predicted and handled by the data processing department, because they used nothing that the DP specialists had not supplied themselves.

But the widespread appearance of PCs on the desks of white-collar professionals, and the arrival of commercial programs to help with such work as financial planning, word processing or filing, have resulted in computer specialists having a new class of user to look after.

These support departments were not — and are still not — the only source of help, but in large companies they are generally supposed to be the first point of contact. "The IT department is a significant source of support in only a small minority of establishments, except in large organisations," the council notes. The role is one that IT departments seem to have fallen into.

"I don't believe it has happened by accident, but I don't believe it was quite by design either," says Meenu Vora, the council's executive director. "Maybe these departments didn't fully appreciate the pace at which the changes, brought about by end-user computing, would occur."

The report points out that the number of people active in the category of "user support" now considerably exceed the number in the traditional systems development area. "It is likely that many of the people now categorised as user support staff are systems development people by another name while others are likely to be ex-secretaries, clerks or administrators who have shown an interest or aptitude for information technology and have been assigned responsibility for supporting users."

> Support staff needed for computer users could generate 40,000 jobs

This conclusion is supported by the evidence of the Reward Group's salary survey of IT professionals. Reward breaks its study down into 17 categories, by job title, only one of which mentions support — the software support manager who is estimated to receive a median salary of £26,400.

The implication is that for many IT staff, supporting professional PC users is only part of the job.

It is certainly a growing part of the activity of in-house IT departments, but there are considerable doubts over the extent to which such departments are well equipped to deal with it.

As Michael Lurie, managing director of the executive recruitment agency Goodman Graham, says: "Internal DP people typically don't have the client interaction skills and the problem is that it can affect their ability to build their careers. I would encourage people to seek out formal training wherever possible. Programmers and analysts should tell their bosses they need these skills to do their jobs better."

Ms Vora also thinks IT specialists are not necessarily the right raw material for end-user support. "The ideal person to provide user support is one who understands the business," she says. "So the best candidates come from the user side." It is certainly true that many veteran PC users know more about PCs than the IT specialists know about the PC users' jobs.

Ms Vora adds that few organisations have taken a conscious decision about this area. "In many companies, end-user support just happens," she says.

Wherever support staff are drawn from, the role needs careful management. Research from KPMG Management Consulting hints at a situation running out of control.

The average annual cost of a workstation, PC or computer terminal, is only £216 when depreciation is taken into account. The formal provision of back-up from technical specialists adds £298 to this figure.

But most of the help, advice and technical support end-users draw on actually comes from their peers — enthusiasts whom KPMG refers to as "workstation gurus".

It estimates that the real cost in the time of these professionals represents a hidden charge of over £5,000 per workstation each year.

The conclusion of the West London TEC's survey is that IT skills are in such short supply at all levels that it could even threaten Britain's economic recovery.



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Juliet and her Romeo are innocents abroad in the open-air production in Regent's Park

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Jimmy Cauty, popping up everywhere from the Justified Ancients of Mu Mu to KLF



SCULPTURE AT CHELSEA HARBOUR: **Richard Cork** on an attempt to marry modern and traditional

Airing their differences



Elisabeth Frink's *Desert Quartet III*: "Uncannily like a male reworking of Frink's own features, this implacable sentinel commands attention"

Not so long ago, when modernists and traditionalists snarled scornfully at each other, an event such as Chelsea Harbour Sculpture 93 would have been inconceivable. It is, after all, organised by the Royal Society of British Sculptors — a body once dedicated to shunning Epstein, Moore, Hepworth and all the other heretics who challenged hallowed notions about what sculpture should be. Now, as the century of experiment nears its end, the RBS has at last decided to accept some, at least, of the innovators it used to vilify. And they have reciprocated by accepting the invitation issued by the society's first woman president, Philomena Davidson Davis. Nearly 60 sculptors have installed work, often on the grand scale, throughout the buildings and outdoor spaces bordering the boat-filled marina.

The outcome, one of the largest open-air sculpture shows ever held in this country, adds up to a surprising act of *rapprochement*. In the age of post-modern pluralism, the lion of abstraction lies down with the lamb of representation. Right from the outset, a conciliatory spirit is announced by Glynn Williams's two colossal bronze hands bordering the approach road to the harbour. Although seemingly armour-plated, they gesture towards the entrance with a ponderous, welcoming openness.

And Williams, hitherto a polemical advocate of figurative carving, finds his work placed near an aluminium abstract by Clement Meadmore. Coated in a gleaming black polyurethane finish, this anonymous presence looks like everyone's idea of a modern sculptural cliché.

Not that the figurative exhibits are automatically any better. Flanking the entrance to Chelsea Garden Market, Ivor Abrahams has placed two bronze embodiments of *Day* and *Night*. Their titles are, unfortunately, the only qualities they share with Michelangelo's carvings for the Medici Chapel in Florence. Although their backs are arched in an acrobatic flourish, they seem drained of any conviction.

Inside the triple-atrium market building, a stylistic free-for-all breaks out. But it fails to foster impressive results. Daniel Pontereau's boulder of coloured concrete supports a thin metal ladder curving up towards the glass roof. It looks merely whimsical, and Marcus Cornish's nearby *Breath* succeeds only in looking fussy.

The danger with surveys as catholic as "Chelsea Harbour Sculpture 93" is that its contents cancel one another out. According to Davidson Davis, the event "was conceived as an open-minded and unprescriptive exhibition, that will show the enormous range of creativity, professional technique and media at work in sculpture today." But heterogeneity can lead to visual mayhem without careful grouping. The second atrium in the Garden Market avoids the problem by concentrating on figurative works. Willi Soukop's winsome *Green Woman*, an oddly decapitated head with green leaves in her hair, balances on two equally wistful figures and an owl. They could not be further removed from Nicola Hicks's earthy orange groundhog, or Niki de Saint Phalle's *Nana au Serpent*, a bold and big-breasted blue lady. Sporting a multi-coloured bathing costume and cavorting with a golden snake twined round her ample body, she is as outrageous as Soukop's carving is muted.

> 'The lion of abstraction lies down with the lamb of representation'

But somehow, the three sculptures coexist without jarring — unlike the works gathered in the third atrium. Here, James Butler's reclining green nude and Ralph Brown's grey sylph certainly share a weakness for smooth, slick titillation. But they have nothing in common with Daniel Chadwick's *Magnified Water Droplet Trails*, a purple and orange mobile which dangles from the roof and relies far too heavily on Calder's pioneering experiments half a century ago.

The pieces outside, on the way down to Harbour Yard, are at least placed further apart. But they seem just as arbitrarily grouped. Kenneth Armitage's *Richmond Oak*, a strangely cartoonish attempt to simplify a tree in painted bronze, looks uneasy set near John Pappas's heavily academic *Torso* flexing its musculature on a plinth. Jonathan Kenworthy's immense bronze leopard crouching on a tree-trunk is little more than a pastiche of grandiose 19th-century Salon showstoppers. If William Pye's water pieces had been finished, they might have emerged with more credit. But the only work to make me linger here was William Tucker's *Tethys*, a lumpy anatomical fragment which evades classification and offers rich ambiguity.

In an ill-advised attempt to leaven the event with entertainment, the exhibition then allows Gerald Scarfe to place a lifesize *Rhinoceros* in the middle of Harbour Yard. Apart from one bulging eyeball, the result is tame and predictable — like a model strayed from the Natural History Museum. Nothing could survive being placed next to such an overbearing work, and Roland Piché's severely restrained *Figure of Transformation* suffers from its proximity to Scarfe's glum behemoth. Only Sokari Douglas Camp's irrepressible trio of African women flourish here, their crazily tangled steel bodies gesticulating like demented waiters around a table.

The main lesson of this well-intentioned but incoherent show is that each sculpture should have been given plenty of space to establish its identity. Elisabeth Frink's mesmerically staring head scores precisely because it has been positioned on its own, by a flight of steps leading down to the marina. Looking uncannily like a male reworking of Frink's own features, this implacable jaw-jutting sentinel commands attention at once. It takes magisterial control of the surrounding space, whereas too many of the exhibits seem diminished by the context they inhabit. James Ritchie's untitled granite carving looks lost near the Thames, and David Annesley's writhing *Inner Nature* appears stranded next to a bridge.

Possibly sensing this danger, Maurice Blik compensates by erecting a melodramatic nude called *Renaissance* by the river's edge. Mannered and monstrous, its rhetoric looks even more excruciating compared with Dhruva Mistry's *Diagram of an Object*. This mercifully understated bronze belies its title by limpidly celebrating the rapport between a parent and child.

Both Mistry and Allen Jones, who makes a rusted steel woman perform a flamboyant *Back-Flip*, benefit from spacious locations by the side of the marina. And Lynn Chadwick's steel-plated *Crouching Beast III* is commandingly situated at the top of some nearby stairs. As for Michael Sandle, he goes way over the top with *A Mighty Blow for Freedom*, where a sinewy warrior wreaks comic-book destruction on a television set.

For all its wilful exaggeration, Sandle's offering does at least prove that sculpture in public places need not be tepid and polite. If artists are too worried about causing offence, they can easily end up failing to gain any attention. Ben Panting knows how to make an impact, and his flowing, almost molten *Leaping Man* draws on Muybridge and Futurism to revel in bodily dynamism. Cleverly combining abstract motion with silhouetted figures, here is a sculpture that deserves a prominent site. Instead, it has been relegated to the back of a grassy area which also contains work by Phillip King and Takeshi Tanabe.

The RBS deserves to be commended for its initiative in mounting this ambitious venture. But if the exercise is repeated next year, drastic pruning and far more congenial settings are needed before the exhibition can score the success it fails to achieve this time around.

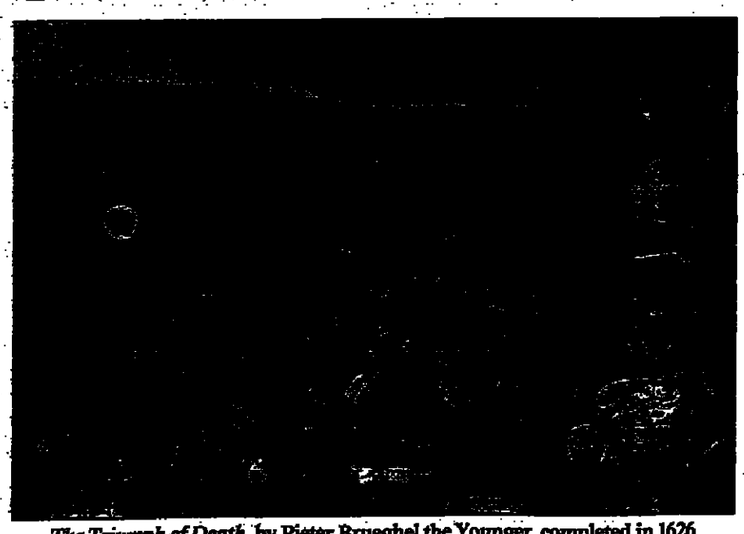
● Chelsea Harbour Sculpture 93 is *at Chelsea Harbour, London SW10 until Sept 18. For information, telephone 071-839 8533.*

● **KNYGHTHODE AND BATAYLE:** The British Library is rich in medieval manuscripts, from which illustrations of almost anything can be drawn. This show concentrates on the subject of medieval warfare, which crops up in illuminations in its most romantic guise, as one might expect; but also, sometimes rather surprisingly, there is a lot about the sheer business of warfare, the ingenuity of war machines, the complexity of armour and sometimes the basic slog of the common soldiery who knew little of the more courtly side. All this is shown in often [redacted] unfamiliar manuscripts of extraordinary delicacy and grace.
British Library Exhibition Galleries, British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1 (071-323 7704). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-6pm, until Sept 26. (S)

● **EDWARD BURRA:** Supposedly a minor and marginal figure, in his own eccentric way Burra was one of the most cosmopolitan of modern British artists, his apparent whimsy and camp never totally concealing the savagery of his observation. Many of these drawings from the inter-war years, of low bars and glittery cabarets, or fish markets in which the purchasers are more grotesque than what they purchase, would be perfectly at home in the Weimar Germany of Brecht and Weill.
Lefevre Gallery, 30 Bruton Street, W1 (071-493 2107). Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm, until July 16.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

Antwerp's macabre new mascot



The Triumph of Death, by Pieter Brueghel the Younger, completed in 1626

TODAY, the authorities in Antwerp, European City of Culture, put on show a lost painting by Pieter Brueghel the Younger as their emblem for the year. Hans Nieuwdorp, director of the Museum Mayer Van Den Bergh (where the picture will be displayed until the end of the year), says the discovery is "one of the most important events in the last decade of Flemish art history", and the painting has "cosmic philosophical dimensions".

As an advertising statement for Antwerp, however, the painting has its shortcomings. Inspired by the bubonic plague which swept through the city during the late Middle Ages, its subject is *The Triumph of Death*. Having been acquired, after the second world war, in Switzerland by the late American billionaire Peter Putnam, it was recently spotted, unacknowledged, in a corner of his Ohio home by the expert James Corcoran.

During scientific tests, infra-red reflectography revealed the underdrawing of a still-born baby hanging out of a coffin, thereby clinching the attribution. Artists only tend to leave such evidence when they are working out a composition as they go, rather than copying. Congratulations, Antwerp. Let's hope the symbolism does not stick.

● WHO is selling Lord Archer's final proof for *Not a Penny More, Not a Penny* [illegible] which brought him back from the brink in 1975, following a fateful investment which left him with a good few pennies less than he had hoped. All Christie's will say is that "the author circulated three or four printouts of the draft among friends for corrections and improvements". But this particular proof contains corrections by none other than the author and his fragrant wife Mary, thereby implying a source closer to home. Whoever he or she may be, the mystery vendor hopes to raise not a penny [illegible]



Spinking aloud

MUCH grumbling down Bond Street, as Anthony Spink continues to be president of the British Antique Dealers' Association even though his company was taken over at Easter by the auctioneers, Christie's. "Talk about a clash of interests!" grumbles one dealer. Others point out that the BADA president's function is to stand up to auctioneers, which might be a difficult task for somebody in their employ. "My term of office finishes in July, so it's irrelevant," says "The Spink". What with constantly rushing next door for briefings from his new masters, and providing a presence at the Grosvenor House Antiques Fair, at the moment he can hardly be seen for dust.

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

TELEVISION REVIEW

Lost in limbo

America's Vietnam trauma does not easily arouse sympathy here. Yet American concern with the fate of its missing prisoners of war, and the efforts of their families to prod the authorities in Washington and Saigon, are not unlike our own hostage saga. Last night's **Missing in Action** (Channel 4), a documentary in the *True Stories* series, was a sensitive study of a national obsession, but also of rare filial devotion.

Star of this film and figurehead of the campaign is Deborah, the daughter of a USAF pilot, Colonel John Robertson, who was shot down in 1966 and, along with nearly 600 others, remains missing. The story really began when a photograph, purporting to show Robertson and two other missing Americans, surfaced in Cambodia a few years ago.

Having banged their heads against a wall of bureaucracy in Washington, Deborah and her friends held press conferences and succeeded in provoking the Senate into setting up a committee, which proved beyond doubt that hundreds of men had indeed been left behind in Vietnam. But the failure of the Senate hearings last year to produce any firm conclusion about whether the men were alive led the families to take matters into their own hands.

Deborah came into her own. We saw her fly to Moscow, where the original of the which had eluded the US government was found within hours. Now convinced that somebody had faked the picture, she flew to Phnom Penh to find out whether the forgers were local Cambodian warlords, the Vietnamese or even the Americans. Deborah's conspiracy theories did not convince, but she certainly had reason to mistrust her own government.

In Cambodia she had a frustrating meeting with a bandit chief who claimed to have met her father. But the only message to emerge was that the captors wanted a large ransom. The most dramatic part of the film came when Deborah flew to Saigon and found herself being "helped" by a very Graham Greene-like American businessman, Fred Kirkpatrick, and his sidekick. They persuaded her that they had access to Robertson, and Kirkpatrick even claimed to have glimpsed him among a group of other prisoners. All that would be needed, he went on, is a million dollars. Abortive meetings were arranged — then nothing.

Deborah was very angry, and the last we saw of her was at the grim Vietnam memorial in Washington. But she had a victory of sorts: the official classification of John Robertson has changed from "missing in action" to "missing presumed alive". My guess is that she will see him again.

DANIEL JOHNSON

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Barbican, *Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891)*

ATTILA: Elijah Moshinsky's effective staging of one of Verdi's less familiar works is revived with Samuel Ramey, a renowned Attila, singing the title role at Covent Garden for the first time. The *cast also includes Elizabeth Connell,* Giorgio Zancanaro, Dennis O'Neill. Sir Edward Downes, a thrilling exponent of this repertoire, conducts.
Royal Opera House, *Covent Garden,* WC2 (071-240 1066), tomorrow, 8pm.

BACKSTROKE IN A CROWDED POOL: A new play by Jane Coles (author of *Cat With Green Violin*), set against a background of racial violence and animal liberation in Hounslow. A co-production with the National Theatre Studio
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Opens tonight, 7pm, *then Mon-Sat, 8pm*

GRAN GRAN FIESTA: The South Bank is the key venue for a nine-day festival which opens tomorrow with a *concert by the Mambo king Mario Bauza* and his Afro-Cuban Jazz Orchestra (Queen Elizabeth Hall, 7.45pm)

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

Throughout tomorrow (from 11am to 7pm) free performances *take place in* and around the Centre. On Sunday there is an all-day programme of Latin American music at Clapham Common, and at Hammersmith Palais (8pm), a salsa double bill featuring Cuban giants NG La Banda and Sierra Maestra.
South Bank Centre, SE1 (071-928 8800). Continues until June 27.

REGIONAL

ALDEBURGH: Toru *Takemitsu* is the featured composer at this year's **Aldeburgh Festival** (as he was in 1984); among the works which figure in *recitals* throughout the festival is *Archipelago S.*, an Aldeburgh commission whose first performance is given by the London Sinfonietta under Oliver Knussen (Snape Maltings Concert Hall, tonight, 7pm).
Aldeburgh Festival, Aldeburgh, *Suffolk (0728 453543).*

EDINBURGH: Ben Travers's **Rookery Nook** completes the Royal Lyceum's trilogy of famous farces: innocent hospitality in a country house is mistaken for rampant adultery.
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay Street (031-229 9697), opens tonight, 8pm.

HEREFORD: The established **Opera Box**, a company that tends to specialise in outdoor performances of opera, presents Mozart's *Don Giovanni* (sung in English) in the gardens of How Caple Court. A spectacular backdrop is promised. People are invited to bring picnics prior to the performance.
How Caple Court, situated 5 miles *from Ross-on-Wye on the B4224, 10* miles from Hereford (booking: 0989 86626), tomorrow, 7pm.

STADHAMPTON: Sealed Knot recreates the 1643 Civil War in *The Battle of Chalgrove Field* at Ascott Park (between Stadhampton and Chalgrove, *south of Oxford).*
Ascott Park (off B480), tomorrow, Sun, midday-6pm

THAXTED: This year's **Thaxted Festival** has a "Bohemian Connection". It opens tonight with a recital by pianist Peter Donohoe; all concerts take place *in the church. Tomorrow* the American pianist Graham Scott joins the Essex Youth Orchestra in a concert of Elgar, Chopin, Strauss and Janáček and, on Sunday, *the Chilingirian Quartet plays* Haydn, Beethoven and Dvořák.
Thaxted Church, on the B184 between Saffron Walden and Dunmow (bookings: 0371 830350), until July 11

WINCHESTER: The talented young pianist Joanna MacGregor joins the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** in an American music programme comprising Copland's *Billy the Kid* suite and *Four Dance Episodes* from *Rodeo*, *Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue* and R.R. Bennett's arrangement of Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*. Further concerts in the series on June 25, July 30.
Winchester Cathedral, booking through the Brook Centre, Winchester (0962 842383), tonight, 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ *House full, returns only*
◩ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **ALI**. Impressive performance by Geoffrey C. Ewing as Muhammad Ali, *old and young*
Mermaid, Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

◩ **CITY OF ANGELS**. Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins

■ **CRAZY FOR YOU**: Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER**: Comic fantasies among the football-watching classes
Vaudeville, *Strand, WC2* (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 120mins.

◩ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON**. Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

◩ *THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING* **EARNEST**: Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, *WC2 (071-836 6404)*. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: *Stephen* Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 *(071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow,* 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 115mins.

□ **THE INVISIBLE MAN**: A rather plodding adaptation becomes *breathtaking when the magic tricks take* over the action.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. *150mins.*

□ **THE LAST YANKEE**: Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot *Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet* of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats *Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.*

□ **LEONARDO**: The young master's supposed love for Lisa turned into a musical: great sets but daft story.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm and Sat, 4.30pm. 165mins.

□ **LYSISTRATA**: Geraldine James in Peter Hall's production where organs and actions are called by their proper *(improper?)* names and the men sport rampant, rubber phalluses. Aristophanes would have approved.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 *7616). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm,* Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

□ **THE SHOWMAN**: Alan Bates is *clever and funny as Thomas Bernhard's* self-obsessed actor but the play does not mount to much.

Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Fri, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

■ **SWEENEY TODD**: Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 180mins.

◩ **TRANSLATIONS**: British mapmakers erase Gaelic place names in 1833 Donegal: clear production of Brian Friel's subtle play exploring the uses of language.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: Blood Brothers: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... *Buddy*: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... □ *Five Guys Named Moe*: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◩ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ◩ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◩ **Kiss of the Spider Woman**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ■ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ◩ **On The Piste**: Garrick (071-494 5085) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◩ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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NEW RELEASES

◆ **BORN YESTERDAY**: Needless update of George Cukor's 1950 film from Garson Kanin's *Pygmalion* play, redeemed by John Goodman.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574).

◆ **BOXING HELENA**. Jennifer (daughter of David) Lynch's daft Grand Guignol, with Julian Sands madly amputating his lover's limbs
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **MATINEE**: Joe Dante's chaotic but endearing send-up of 1950s horror pictures, with John Goodman as a schlock producer
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310)

◆ **SAVAGE NIGHTS**: A frenzied love story and an HIV-positive hero, based on the film's deceased writer-director-star, Cyril Collard.
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THEATRE: Authentic innocence in leading roles is at the expense of conviction

Young love no more than sad



MARILYN KINGWILL

First-timers: Juliet (Rebecca Callard) and Romeo (Zubin Varla)

Romeo and Juliet
Regent's Park

THIS open-air theatre's policy of never cancelling a performance until the very last moment is less proud boast than *canny precaution, such are the* vagaries of an English summer. After blowing hurricanoes all day, the rain petered out, sunshine emerged, and the Renaissance facade of Verona was looking positively fair by the time the Montagues and Capulets began biting thumbs at one another.

The crowd behaviour works well in this production by Judi Dench, far better than most of the intimate scenes *involving the principals. This may* be connected with the fact that both for Rebecca Callard, playing Juliet, and *Zubin Varla, her Romeo, these* roles are their first professional experience of Shakespeare. There is a sameness in *their intonation, a readiness to fix on a* particular note and stay there for a line or two, coming back to that level *repeatedly and never* climbing higher. Callard's rapid, unhesitating cries for Romeo are given no tremor; Varla's immediate distress after learning Juliet's identity sounds like recitation.

Love at first sight must present itself as credible, even from an emotional weathercock such as Romeo or a quick worker such as Juliet. Callard and Varla say the words, veer sideways and rock their heads, but give little impression that their sounds of wonder and despair burst from the heart. Callard's matter-of-fact admission that day indeed has dawned sounds real, and she presses amazement and dismay into her last cry to Romeo's body — "Thy lips are warm!" But these twin centres of the play hardly reach the tragic condition. Significantly, it is a movement without words that comes close to it, when the supposedly dead Juliet begins to wake and briefly moves an arm, which Romeo is too self-absorbed to notice.

The dynamics of the Capulet ball are strongly imagined: the slap on a face *that shifts attention, the lute-playing* that preoccupies the other guests while the young lovers converse. The fight, directed by Peter Woodward, is persuasive, though once is enough for the move where Tybalt staggers backwards with Mercutio clasped in his arms like an over-sized rabbit.

It is possible to argue that Romeo and Juliet are well lost, and Paris and Tybalt too, if this is the price to pay for being rid of Mercutio. Was there ever a performance of his Queen Mab speech where its moonshine fancies gave delight? Certainly they bring no pleasure here. Jason Hetherington's Paris speaks as though thoughts impel the words; likewise Richard Simpson's Friar; and there are lively touches scattered throughout the evening. But after the exquisite *Much Ado* that Dench *directed* for Renaissance a few years ago, her second Shakespeare, with its less experienced team, remains uninvolving.

JEREMY KINGSTON

OPERA

Heroine of the hour

Dido and Aeneas
Spitalfields

THE more the scholars look into Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*, the more their brows furrow. The "charming" notion that the opera was composed for a girls' school in Chelsea has recently been thoroughly squashed — but the when, why and where of its origins are still shrouded in mystery. Meanwhile, political and sexual subtexts of devilish ingenuity have been "discovered" to explain the enigmatic plot. Purcell would have been amazed at his own cunning.

All of which seems supremely unimportant when you sit in Hawksmoor's glorious nave at Christ Church, Spitalfields, and hear Dido's great lament, "When I am laid in earth", sung with the depth of feeling and controlled intensity that Catherine Pierard brought to it. This is music that speaks through the fog of lapsed time and misunderstood circumstance, because it expresses — as perfectly as *any composer ever has* — a emotion that is universal: the pain of a betrayal that extinguishes love and the reason for living.

When that repeating bass-line begins its famous descent, and the voice climbs towards its anguished cries of "Remember me", it is as though several sets of irreconcilables have momentarily been frozen in perfect equilibrium: life and death; humiliation and dignity; resignation and resolve. Had Purcell written nothing except these transcendental bars, his *genius could still not be doubted.*

Pierard has reserves of power, but she used it with discretion. Her most *telling moments* were often achieved with a softer, veiled timbre. And her portrayal was all the more moving because this concert performance had been dedicated by the conductor Richard Hickox to the memory of another marvellous soprano who had graced the Spitalfields Festival — Arleen Auger, who died last week.

Hickox's main contribution was to *obtain stylish and, at the end, touchingly* tender playing from the period instruments of Collegium Musicum 90, and some particularly graceful chorus work from the Joyful Company of Singers. But his speeds veered towards the stately, and the spark was missing from the livelier dances.

More worrying still was how little character the other soloists projected. The soprano witches sounded about as sinister as choirboys. The Sailor *was* a choirboy, which did not do much for the verisimilitude of his line about *taking "a boozy short leave of your* nymphs on the shore". Only Michael George's robust Sorcerer and Helen Parker's vibrant Second Woman made much impact.

Dido had been preceded by a baroque rarity: Telemann's cantata *Der Donnerode*. Its text begs for lashings of timpani rolls, scurrying strings and barking horns. Telemann, never one to shun the obvious, duly *obliges. Now we have heard it, we can* put the worthy old thing away for another 230 years.

RICHARD MORRISON

PEKING OPERA

Multifarious magic

The Little Phoenix
Queen Elizabeth Hall

IMAGINE a troupe in which Pavarotti energetically dances, Baryshnikov *sings, and John Gielgud does astonishing* cartwheels and back-somersaults, all to the accompaniment of what would presumably be rechristened the Amadeus Saucepan and Rattle Quartet. It doesn't sound like the National or the Royal Shakespeare Company, does it? It doesn't even sound much like the Théâtre de Complicité, or one of those companies assaying what some fancifully call Total Theatre. You need to *spend just one evening with the Peking* Opera to know that, at best, we British have a Fairly Complete Theatre.

The Little Phoenix, performed by the Jing Ju Troupe as part of LIFT, is a pretty good introduction to a genre best described as historical-comical-pastoral-martial-operatical-balletical-gymnastical: everything, really, but tragical. The story involves antique wars, specifically the defeat of the Liaos by a Sung army led by a sort of Asiatic Joan of Arc or petticoated Nigel Short, a maidservant equally skilful at chess, *hand-to-hand combat and, it* seems, generalship.

This is, I am told, a recently created piece, if also one that draws on legend; and the danger is obvious, especially given the note in the programme. The story, this says, has a strong moral "for it is Yang Paifeng's humble nature that triumphs over the bad attitude of great men".

The play could be an exemplary *polemic* about proletarian womanhood overcoming reactionaries, running dogs and other denizens of the *Chinese political bestiary. But it is now* 15 years since the Peking Opera was in thrall to Madam Mao, and the effect is less didactic than romantic.

Wang Jing's Yang retains her demure charm, whether she is being mocked by a vast red-bearded figure with carnations sprouting above his chalky forehead and vertical eyebrows, or fighting an even more ferocious gentleman in black and gold. Whatever the provocation, she smiles, simpers, chirrups away in her high soprano, and lets fly, unleashing enviable skills in herself and those around her. Never mind the plot, easy enough though it is to follow. What matters is the visual show, which is gorgeous throughout, and the physical bravura, which reaches an unforgettable climax in the last scene.

Yang Paifeng, red flags protruding from the back of her patchwork robes and two-foot-long feathers joining the *blooms on her head, whirls and twirls.* Meanwhile, even more exotically accoutred beings leap, spin in the air, and crash into spectacular positions, the least of which is the splits. How will the company find the energy for a tour that, after they leave London, takes them to Nottingham, Manchester and Norwich? I don't know; but I do know that they should be seen by anybody who enjoys fairy-tales, the Royal Tournament, the *commedia dell'arte*, the circus, or the indoor Olympics — or, of course, all those things at once.

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ROCK ON FRIDAY: How pop finally consumed itself ... showers of praise forecast for Verve... Paw's bark with bite

Samples of what might have been

Pop's obsession with quotation has become as sterile as the modernism of 70 years ago, says **Jeremy J. Beadle**

What does art do when it cannot find a way forward? It tears itself up and starts re-arranging the fragments. This was the basic tactic behind much of the early 20th-century Modernist movement in "serious" art: it produced Schoenberg's 12-tone system in music, Cubism in visual art, and was the guiding spirit behind Eliot's *The Waste Land* and Joyce's *Ulysses*. And this same tactic of reducing things to fragments and rearranging the pieces motivated a technologically based revolution in pop music.

It was spearheaded in the late 1980s by the Justified Ancients of Mu Mu (later and more successfully reincarnated as the KLF), rockers turned musical anarchists Pop Will Eat Itself, and the hugely successful dance single "Pump up the Volume", by the group M/A/R/R/S.

So where is the revolution now? The technology is still with us, of course; but the urgency to purge pop's complacency is gone. About 90 per cent of chart hits make extensive use of the sample, but they no longer attempt to punch you in the face with ironic quotation.

Consider the case of Pop Will Eat Itself, dropped by the record company RCA at the beginning of 1993. Their hit single, "Get the Girl! Kill the Baddies!", had proved a rather pale imitation of their previous efforts. Even the current fad for "Unplugged" albums amounts to just another opportunity to recycle past triumphs. And the current No 1 single in Britain — UB40's "(I Can't Help) Falling In Love With You" — is a revamped version of something that has been a hit four times previously, and which, even the first time around, had been a revamped French folksong. Clearly, pop has settled back into not dislocating anything. The revolution is over.

By the middle of the 1980s popular music was in poor condition. At the end of the 1970s, the New Wave had temporarily infused a new lease of life into the three- or four-minute song, the staple food of popular music. But by 1986 the British chart was dominated by cover versions and novelty songs (masterpieces of the order of "The Chicken Song" and "Snooker Loopy"). The best-selling songs of the year were a competent re-make (The Commmunards' "Don't Leave Me This Way") and Nick Berry, then one of the *Beatbuster*s, a wet-lipped lad who was briefly highly forgettable. [illegible] Wet.

It was against this backdrop that Bill Drummond, a man with diverse experience of the music business, decided to form a band called the Justified Ancients of Mu Mu. One of the aims of the JAMs was to challenge the notion of a "well-crafted song". Drummond and his partner Jimmy Cauty (a guitarist in a post-punk band) put the new technology of the "digital sampler" at the centre of their project. A sampler digests and manipulates previously recorded sound: it allows you to make music without conventional instruments.

> Pop has settled back into not dislocating anything. The revolution is over

The music the JAMs made was something like a pop music equivalent of *The Waste Land*. Like Eliot, they cannibalised many sources. Their first release — "All You Need Is Love" — threw together the Beatles, Samantha Fox and a London reggae duo to create a statement about love and sex in the age of Aids.

Petula Clark and a Gospel Community Choir added up to "Downtown", a sardonic survey of London and its homeless. All of these tracks created a dislocated feeling, working hard to disrupt any sense of being a "song".

Drummond and Cauty identified the basic constituent of popular music as recorded sound; then they proceeded to tear up and rearrange that element.

This was an astute analysis. However many bands tour and perform live, however many insist that live performance is their raison d'etre, pop music ceased to be a truly live business in the 1960s, when the Beatles retired into the studio. Pop music obsessively strove after effects which were possible only in the studio. The sampler made it possible for musicians to take pop apart.

At first it seemed that this new idea might prove as revolutionary as punk had been. A Midlands rock band seized on it, changed their name to Pop Will Eat Itself, and produced a series of witty, ironic, dislocating albums, of which the best was *This is the Day ... This is the Hour ... This is This!* (1989), which contrived to be both funny and serious, incorporating a range of quotation from the Osmonds to the Sex Pistols.

"Pump up the Volume" was the first No 1 to place the sampler centre-stage; it sampled rhythms, vocals and effects from various dance records to produce something rather different from the JAMs or Pop Will Eat Itself. This was a smooth, reductionist, apotheosis of the dance single. And it sold.

The following year saw a brief explosion of witty sample-based pop music. Most of it was not as socially significant or aware as the work of either the JAMs or Pop Will Eat Itself. Such hits as "Beat Dis" by Bomb the Bass, or the 1970s revivalist "Theme from S-Express" (both of which owed much to the slightly camp humour of producer Pascal Gabriel) tried to get you dancing with a smile on your face.

But hit singles require follow-ups, and invention soon petered out. Most of these exciting innovators were soon reduced to that old pop standby: producing cover versions of old songs. The JAMs typically found a wittier response to this problem; in their successful later identity as the KLF (the letters purportedly stood for Kopyright Liberation Front), they recycled their early material in new and remixed versions.



PAUL LOVELACE FAMOUS

Two cones and a rhinestone, please: the KLF, in Wombles mode, with country diva Tammy Wynette

This culminated in a collaboration with country singer Tammy Wynette, who gave a ballad rendition of their early manifesto "Justified and Ancient" (originally entitled "Hey, Hey, We're Not The Monkees"), while Drummond and Cauty disguised themselves as latex ice-cream cones. While this was going on, the new technology was hijacked by DJs and producers looking to make endlessly looping, minimalist dance music to entrance youngsters on Ecstasy at raves.

Schoenberg's revolution succeeded only in transforming serious music into a specialist interest. Picasso abandoned Cubism when his love life took a new turn. Joyce retreated into the impenetrable *Finnegans Wake*; Eliot transformed himself into a great Anglican reactionary. And pop's great "sampler revolution" ended in a monotonous beat with no irony, no wit and a simple hypnotic intention. The revolutions of serious and popular art both failed; but they were fun while they lasted.

● Will Pop Eat Itself? Pop Music in the Soundbite Era, *by Jeremy J. Beadle is published in paperback by Faber & Faber (£7.99).*

NEW WAVES

The insider's guide to the Next Big Thing

Sentimental doggy songs throw snares in the path of even the demigods of pop. "Hound Dog" may have been a high point of Elvis Presley's career, but "Old Shep" is reserved strictly for the kitsch collection. But if Elvis tripped and fell over a shaggy dog story, then a quartet of rank beginners from Kansas must be blessed with the confidence of innocents to attempt a similar narrative.

Strangely enough, the aptly named **Paw** transcend the canine jinx. Meaty chunks of metal guitar introduce "Jessie", but once they are out of the way, vocalist Mark Hennessy howls lines such as "Please stay with me and play with me, Jessie you're a good dog, such a good dog" with the lovelorn fervour of Romeo serenading Juliet.

The names of many fashionable bands (Hüsker Du, Nirvana, Lemonheads, Smashing Pumpkins) are being deployed in order to puff up the assets of Paw. Do they need such upholstery? The debut album, *Dragline*, shouts the answer for itself.

Yes, there are the brutal riffs which suggest that here we have yet another bunch of Metallica clones, but guitarist Grant Fitch has a talent for diverting them into choruses that open plaintively and close in squalls of guitar feedback and vocal torment.

Hennessy has the laconic singing style of an aspiring novelist, carving psychological depths as he moves from drowsy sensuality to full-bore screaming in the space of a snare beat. Fitch structures his songs as jump-cuts, slicing the mood with tempo changes or contrasting guitar sounds.

With crime writer Jim Thompson cited as an influence, the subject matter of Paw's stories is suitably hard-boiled: lust, violence, loss and dogs. Now that grunge has become a movement that grown-ups can understand, rock needs to re-sharpen its claws. Paw have the bark, and the bite, for the job.

DAVID TOOP

RECORDS: Psychedelia for the 1990s from Verve; the ageless Neil Young

Windmills of the mind

VERVE
A Storm In Heaven
(Hut HUT 10)

ACCORDING to computerised models of global weather patterns, a causal link can be established between a butterfly beating its wings in a Kent garden and an eventual tornado on the plains of Nebraska. This is the idea which apparently inspired a six-minute song called "Butterfly", one of the key tracks on Verve's compelling debut album.

Verve, who come from Wigan, are often bracketed with Suede, simply because there are currently so few English groups which share their potential for greatness. Yet after four attempts they still haven't pitched a single into the Top 65. This is because, unlike Suede, their songs are an acquired taste.

The weather analogy, which even extends to the title of the album, is as good as any to describe the scrambled and mysterious logic of their music: operating along broadly foreseeable lines but encompassing a fascinating mosaic of possibilities.

Many of the tracks have a floating, nebulous quality. Typical is the lazy guitar and fat, loose drum sound of "Slide Away" or the creamy chords washing against the delicately brushed beat of "Beautiful Mind". But there is a sinister undercurrent in the twilight nuances of "Virtual World", the unhinged turbulence of "Butterfly" and the droney, druggy ennui of "Starsail".

The album has clearly taken the era of 1960s psychedelia as its template. There are touches of the Rolling Stones at their most woozy, the Velvet Underground at their most velvet and even a dash of Simple Minds in the majestic swirl of their current single "Blue". But it is a mistake to imagine that Verve actually sound like any of these acts.

In an era of soundbites and instant sensations, Verve have created something that is languorous and enduring, but no less dangerous for that.



Fame, James, and don't spare the horsepower: debutants Verve trip the light fantastic

NEIL YOUNG
Unplugged
(Reprise 9362-45310)

WHILE some acts reveal themselves in a new light by *plugged*, others are already tailormade for it. For all his odd career moves and latterday adventures with high volume rock 'n' roll, Neil Young has always been a folk troubadour at heart, instinctively knowing how to reap the maximum benefit from an acoustic guitar, a racked-up harmonica and that high, battered howl of a voice.

Here he tackles a selection of material spanning his entire career, injecting a lachrymose passion into old chestnuts like "Mr Soul", "Helpless" and "The Needle And The Damage Done", along with more recent material, including three songs from last year's *Harvest Moon*.

The hushed atmosphere and enthusiastic reception are just right, but apart from a wonderful version of "Like A Hurricane", where he conjures an almost ethereal accompaniment from the pipes of a wheezing pump organ, there are few surprises.

JAMIROQUAI
Emergency On Planet Earth
(Sony Soho Square 474069)

AT LAST, a British soul record that cuts through the arty guff that has held back all those acts on the Talkin' Loud label (Omar, the Young Disciples, Galliano et al) and gets to the heart of the matter.

Jamiroquai, the West London band fronted by Jason Kay, have recorded a debut which combines youthful brio with musicianship of the very highest order. And, so long as one takes the absurdly earnest, politically correct tone of the lyrics with a sizable pinch of salt, it's a lot of fun too.

As is often the case, the 22-year-old Kay is far less self-conscious about raiding the archives for ideas than are those acts who were around at the time. Maybe he does sound a tad like Stevie Wonder, but Wonder has not recorded anything remotely as good as the high-kicking funk of "Hooked Up" or the instrumental Latin fusion workout of "Music Of The Mind" for ten years at least. And he didn't use a didgeridoo, either.

PAUL WESTERBERG
14 Songs
(Sire/Reprise 9362-45255)

PAUL Westerberg was the frequently frazzled frontman of the Replacements, the erratic quartet from Minneapolis which fell apart three years ago. If it wasn't obvious at the time that the band's fortunes were pegged entirely to his songwriting talents, then this tremendous solo debut is more than enough to dispel any lingering doubts.

Elegantly and intelligently constructed from primary rock 'n' roll materials, the 14 songs vary from the Keith Richards-like swagger of "Silver Naked Ladies" and "Knockin' On Mine" to the utterly desolate junkie ballad "Black Eyed Susan".

The standard never falters, and throughout the wry humour of "Mannequin Shop", the punky blast of "Something Is Me" and the delicate romanticism of "First Glimmer", Westerberg achieves a perfect balance between poetic intimacy and authoritative cool.

DAVID SINCLAIR

SELECTIONS

1	Emergency On Planet Earth	Jamiroquai (Orenda)
2	Unplugged	Neil Young (Reprise)
3	What's Love Got to Do With It	Tina Turner (Parlophone)
4	Unplugged ... And Seated	Rod Stewart (Warner Brothers)
5	Pocket Full of Kryptonite	Spin Doctors (Epic)
6	Automatic For The People	R.E.M. (Warner Brothers)
7	No Limits	2 Unlimited (PWL Continental)
8	Elemental	Tears For Fears (Mercury)
9	Janet	Janet Jackson (Virgin)
10	Liberator	Orchestral Manoeuvres In The Dark (Virgin)

CONCERT

Neanderthal men

10cc
Hammersmith Apollo

TRUMPETED as the "classic hits and more" tour, 10cc's first outing for a decade delivered the promised hits but was profoundly lacking in the "more" part of the equation.

Two original members of the band that dominated the singles charts in the middle 1970s remain. The diminutive Eric Stewart, in dark glasses, played up the role of songwriting éminence grise to the hilt. Graham Gouldman worked the all-smiling, thumbs-aloft angle with conviction.

Backed by unfailingly precise session men, their musicianship frequently promoted technical expertise over basic human communication. While Stuart Tosh and Gary Wallace, who alternated on percussion, diligently kept the showmanship to a minimum, guitarists Stewart and Rick Fenn had a greater problem keeping their egos on a leash, frequently playing as if they had more than the statutory allocation of fingers.

Deise vocal harmonies dominated throughout and, although Stewart and Gouldman possess relatively characterless voices, they worked pleasantly enough in combination.

Yet for all the melodic gymnastics and intricate arrangements, the show was uncomfortably sterile: "Art for Art's Sake" plodded aimlessly; "Dreadlock Holiday" came and went without any audience member conspicuously over-reacting to its cod-Caribbean charms, and a reggaefied rendition of "Paperback Writer" met with a muted response.

Even the band's best-loved number, "I'm Not In Love", was performed too fast, while the keyboards reduced the song's multi-layered foundation of gently breathing chords to an ugly wheezing.

It was only with the encores that the band appeared to loosen up. "Rubber Bullets", like its subject matter, was hard and bouncy, while "Life Is A Minestrone" was consumed with relish.

ADRIAN DEEVOY

SCENES

WHAT'S OUT AND ABOUT THIS COMING WEEK

SINGLE: Smashing Pumpkins: "Cherub Rock" (Hut HUT 31). Immaculate slice of post-grunge guitar rock from the Chicago band. Released Monday.

BOOK: The ninth *Guinness Book of British Hit Singles* by Paul Gambaccini, Tim Rice and Jonathan Rice (Guinness Publishing £10.99). Update of the chart statistician's bible, now a million-seller. Clear, precise layout traces the fortunes of the 4,261 poptastic acts which have enjoyed a placing in the British singles chart since 1952. For the first time, Elvis Presley's tally of hits (109) has been bettered by Cliff Richard (110). Published Monday.

VIDEO: Suede release a long-form video called *Bootlee 1*, containing "candid" live footage of their 1992-93 British tour, plus the video promos for all four singles released so far. Directed by Alan Fisher, it is available by mail order only from Dungeon Master Productions, 196 High Road, London N22 4HH. £15.99 including p&p. Suede and film director **Derek Jarman** are teaming up for an Aids multimedia charity event at the Grand, London SW11 (071-738 9000) on July 12.

NOW BOOKING: **Aerosmith** tickets go on sale tomorrow for dates at: Sheffield Arena (0742 565 500) October 21; NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133) October 23-24; SECC, Glasgow (041 248 3000) October 29; Wembley Arena (081-900 1234) December 7-8. Aerosmith's new single "Eat The Rich" is released on Monday.

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EXECUTIVE CARS

Between 70 and 80 per cent of all executive-class cars are bought by companies — but that may change. **Kevin Eason** explains





From the sublime to the beloved: British executives drive everything from a £180,000 Bentley Continental to a Morris Minor Traveller, a survey has shown. The total value of company fleets is estimated at £120 million

The perk that drove a thousand careers

They sit on the carefully trimmed drives of thousands of suburban homes up and down the land, new, shiny, expensive . . . and paid for by someone else. The pride and joy of a typical senior manager is a £19,000 BMW, a gleaming testament to the modern executive car. In future, he or she might be prepared to settle for a Morris Minor thanks to the government's new tax plans, which seem sure to force changes in the way in which executive cars are bought.

An executive car is effectively a company car. Between 70 and 80 per cent of all models in the executive class, typified by the Rover 800, Ford Granada, BMW 5-series and Mercedes 200, are bought by companies. A glance at the executive job advertisements shows that the remuneration package offered most often includes salary plus car. The result is a breed of elegant, high-performance models that are crammed with luxurious features and, remarkably, all pinned to two golden rules under the tax system.

The rules that govern how much company drivers pay in benefit-in-kind have long been tied to engine size, up to 2000cc, and price, less than £19,250. The result is a cluster of models with two-litre engines while the average cost of an executive car is £19,000, just below the upper threshold.

New rules, in force from next April, will tie benefit-in-kind tax to 35 per cent of the car's list price. That means that the more you spend, the more you pay in tax. Most people will be better off, but as many as 700,000 of Britain's four million company car drivers will pay up to 40 per cent more tax.

Some deserve to pay more, according to a survey of 5,400 executives by Stoy Benefit Consulting for Volkswagen, which discovered that the notion of the "perk" car is very much alive and well.

While one executive claimed to cover 60,000 business miles a year and three in four cover about 25,000, one respondent was bold enough to admit that his company car travelled only about 20 miles a year on behalf of the business — barely enough to warm the engine.

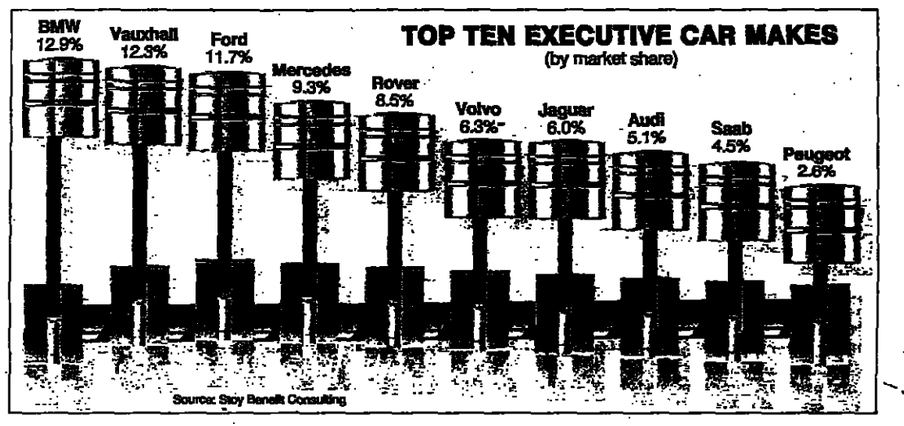
The top five manufacturers — BMW, Ford, Rover, Vauxhall and Mercedes — accounted for 55 per cent of the models in the survey.

But a remarkable disparity in choice illustrates how hard the tax rules could hit some drivers.

The dearest car listed in Stoy's survey of executive transport was a £180,000 Bentley Continental, which — on the assumption that the particular executive pays tax at the 40 per cent upper rate and covers more than 2,500 business miles annually — would attract a tax bill this year of £4,016.

The cheapest car in Stoy's survey was a 1968 Morris Minor Traveller worth £750. The same executive making the more humble choice of the Morris might have to pay £632 this year but will enjoy the luxury of paying the Inland Revenue just £47 in 1994-5, Lex says.

Does this signal the end of the executive car? Many managers are thinking about giving it up and would profit, according to the Stoy study. Its researchers estimate that 57 per cent of executives would be better off taking extra pay and a mileage allowance and paying for their own car. As many as 30 per cent would be better off by £750 a year.



Companies will certainly be thinking hard because the 5,400 company respondents were paying about £38 million a year to provide cars while the total value of the fleets surveyed was £120 million.

The fact that the average car costs about £6,984 a year to run will be a sobering reminder that the best virtue of the company car is that someone else pays for it.

A report for Lex shows that executive motorists benefit by having newer, bigger and better cars than the average motorist — and they have the optional extras, such as phones, sunroofs and air-conditioning, that private motorists forego. Now executive drivers may think twice before ordering their extras. Lex found that about 35 per cent of company drivers would simply do without these options.

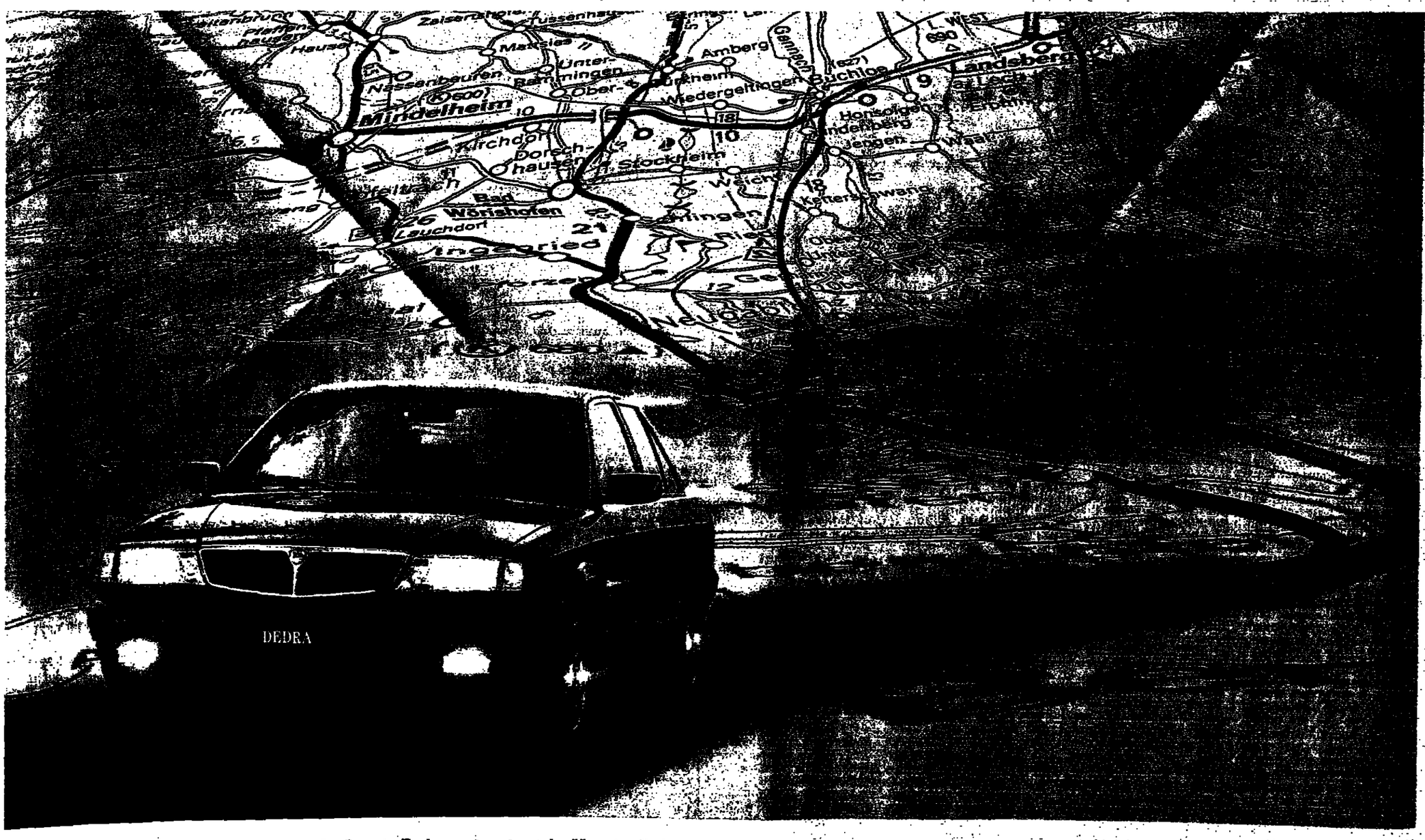
And many are already changing the type of car they drive, although not always because of cost. The Rover 800 was the top selling executive car last year but in a sector which diminished as motorists switched their affections to a variety of different models.

The executive sector has traditionally accounted for 8 to 9 per cent of the overall market. Last year, it slumped to 48,400 cars, just 6.2 per cent, but the slack was taken up by drivers moving from saloons to models such as the Range Rover and Land-Rover Discovery. Cars such as the Ford Mondeo and Rover 600 in their most opulent, top-of-the-range guises are also attracting the attention of executives.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders senses the shift. "The executive sector is no longer so easy to pin down," a spokesman says. "Some executives now no longer want to drive one type of model which is normally associated with their job. They might want a four-wheel drive vehicle, a leisure vehicle or a car which is smaller than the traditional concept of an executive car.

"The executive car as a part of the market is, however, very much alive and well . . . just changing fast."

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A low tax or a high life

Drivers are willing to pay more tax to keep the car they want, reports **Meryl Cumbes**



PAUL FRANCIS

Executive choice: weighing up the odds

Compared with the media hype immediately following the Chancellor's announcement of a new benefit-in-kind tax regime for company car users from April 1994, fleet reaction has verged on indifference. Stephen Barrett, Hertz Leasing's general manager, is astonished by the continued emphasis on the price of £19,250, over which cars attract more tax. He suggests that tax bills may become a status symbol.

The lethargic response to the new taxes, based on a straight 35 per cent of the car's list price, is highlighted in a couple of recent surveys. *Fleet News* reported recently that key fleet operators anticipated a limited swing towards cheaper cars and that fewer drivers will contribute towards extras: fine-tuning rather than a major overhaul.

Lex Vehicle Leasing contacted drivers for its report "The Company View". More than half said they would endure higher taxation rather than change their cars, although 44 per cent said they would keep vehicles for more than four years. Drivers thought the scheme fairer than the current method of assessment, despite 72 per cent believing that their tax bill would increase next year.

Colin McLean, the chairman of the British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association's leasing committee and managing director of Highway Vehicle Leasing, says: "We will have to wait until next year before drivers fully realise the effects of the tax changes. Then we could see people opting for larger-engined cars if they are going to be penalised for a current car, anyway."

Andy Thompson, the secretary of the Finance and Leasing Association, is another who foresees a shift to bigger engined vehicles because of the abandonment of tax breaks based on engine size. This is contrary to the expectations of many who had forecast a trend towards smaller engined fleets.

As for the predicted demise of the typical "perk" car, Len Hunt, UK Operations Director at Jaguar, is not worried. "We view the Budget changes as an opportunity and foresee the demand for our cars strengthening. In fact one of our dealers placed a big advertisement in his local paper thanking Mr Lamont," he says.

The cheapest Jaguar XJ6 costs £26,200 and has a 3.2 litre engine. Drivers will get a small tax reduction under the new rules. The £37,800, four litre Sovereign will cost its 40 per cent tax-paying middle-mileage band driver £1,220 less in tax from April 1994.

Most people will have only a small increase in taxable benefit because 93 per cent of drivers will qualify for a discount of either one-third or two-thirds off the 35 per cent scale charge, according to Roger King, director of public affairs of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. He says: "I do not believe many people will review their car choice based on these amounts. And I do not think we will see much post-purchase fitting of extras, firstly because they do not add that much, proportionately, to the list price or tax, and, secondly, many warranties will preclude extensive afterwork."

The issue of "retro-fitting" is being considered by the Inland Revenue, which acknowledges the existence of a loophole through which many drivers could reduce tax liability without downgrading the vehicle.

BMW, nevertheless, is hedging all bets by introducing both a diesel range (a more attractive proposition under the new tax regime) and the 316E, a lower priced version of its popular model, which will test the market below BMW's traditional entry level. Chris Willows, BMW public affairs manager, claims the move was not totally stimulated by the Budget: "In a recessionary market we felt it was necessary to broaden our target customer profile." Mr Willows is sure that other manufacturers will also be considering niche ranges to counter the lowering of prices of luxury cars, but he is wary of long-term predictions on the profile of the typical fleet. "It is likely that the main fleet will shift towards less expensive, lower specification models, but there is no agreement over the future of the luxury car. Some say it will flourish, others say it will disappear. But you have to consider the aspirational factor and the possibility that the definition of luxury may change in the coming years. In future we may all aspire to small, but very highly specified, cars."

Rolls Royce which, with other expensive car producers could have been in trouble because of the new tax method, has successfully lobbied the Treasury for a cap, set at £80,000, to give it protection.

The trend towards flexible benefits for employees could adversely affect the market. Directors of the future may opt for a Mini and some money rather than a Mercedes.

He can sell but can he drive?

Too many company motorists are not skilled enough. Help is at hand

John Betjeman's clean-cuffed young executive who drove "the firm's Cortina" has been replaced by a new generation of company drivers who sit behind the wheel of modern two-litre saloons capable of a performance that often outstrips their driving ability.

However, companies that spend hundreds of pounds a month on lease payments for such vehicles but nothing on driver training are still in the majority.

There are signs that this is changing, and the improved availability of advanced and high-performance driving courses, often sponsored by motor manufacturers, means that more and more drivers are accelerating onto the motorways better equipped to handle their cars safely and achieve greater satisfaction from the hours they spend behind the wheel.

The high-mileage representative has traditionally taken a pride in his or her driving, but the company car is now a perk for many more staff, some of whom have relatively little driving experience.

The RAC, as one of the biggest organisers of advanced driving training courses, explains: "The L-test, which is probably the only gauge of driving ability for most people, is really only a very basic test, giving just the knowledge required to be allowed out, unaccompanied, to develop your driving skills over a number of years.

"You will have been developing that skill ever since the test without any guidance, but how do you know that your skills have been developing properly?"

A spokesman for RAC Enterprises, which runs the courses, says: "We often discover when assessing company drivers that problems are created by bad habits which have developed over the years or simply because the driver is driving in the way he was taught many years ago.

"The design of modern cars is such that many techniques which in the past were desirable or even necessary, need to be amended. In particular, advances have been made in the design of braking and steering systems.

"In all the major aspects of your working life, you will have been encouraged to develop your abilities to the full, whether it be selling ability, business management or personnel management.

"Is it not ridiculous that, when you consider that driving is probably for most of us the most dangerous activity we do in our everyday life, we do not seek to develop our skills further?"

Company drivers are often enrolled for advanced-driver training after accidents. Fleet Management Group, of Chippenham, Wiltshire, a specialist company that helps companies to run their fleets, has found that its accident-management unit can pinpoint driving faults that have led to accidents.

The company takes on responsibility for picking up the pieces, metaphorically, after an accident. Its specialists can speed up insurance claims and get cars back on the road quickly, as well as offering support to the driver involved. Its system means that, with its special computer program, it can identify the cause of an accident. In cases of persistent driver error, the company recommends advanced training.

Chris Lucas, the accident management manager, says: "By knowing the correct procedure to follow, we can find out exactly what caused an accident and make recommendations to fleet users about the type of vehicles they are using. We can also find out why driver error is occurring. This means that we are able to recommend that driver training is provided to improve a particular aspect of a driver's technique. It may be that parking in a tight corner is causing problems or that motorway driving techniques are to blame, and we can help companies to solve these problems."

> Training may be needed to improve a particular aspect of motoring technique

Companies are advised to use the services of specialists who can provide intensive instruction, such as the courses run by the former Formula One drivers John Watson at Silverstone and Dr Jonathan Palmer at Bruntingthorpe in Leicestershire.

Manufacturers such as Ford, Mercedes-Benz and Audi also offer advanced driver training, but there is now no shortage of highly skilled instruction for the company driver.

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Magnificent howl of the mighty V-12

The ultimate engine is part of car history, says **Eric Dymock**



Top precision: the Jaguar XJS V-12 is rivalled only by Mercedes for smoothness

When Enzo Ferrari outlined plans for his new sports racing car in 1947, his instructions to the designer Gioacchino Colombo were explicit. It had to have a 12-cylinder engine. Ferrari drew the outline, Colombo worked out the details.

Ferrari explained in his book: "The 12-cylinder is an engine I cherished ever since I saw the photos of a 12-cylinder Packard that raced at Indianapolis."

He greatly admired the Packard Twin-Six staff cars used by top American army officers after the first world war. Its engine was smooth and powerful, with a resonant exhaust note, and although there have been four, six and eight-cylinder Ferraris, it was always the 12s with their distinctive banshee howl that most thrilled Ferrari drivers.

Ferrari's attachment to 12 cylinders may have been emotional, but there were good technical reasons for it. The power impulses of a six-cylinder engine are in perfect balance, but a V-12 is twice as steady and runs like a turbine. The Packard was not the only great American 12 — the Lincoln Zephyr, the Lycoming-engined Auburn and the Pierce-Arrow V-12 were all stirring cars.

Rolls-Royce joined the V-12 élite with the Phantom III in the 1930s. Daimler with its Double-Six; Lagonda, Horch and Maybach all made V-12s. In the 1970s, when Jaguar wanted to develop the E-Type into a Ferrari lookalike, and Lamborghini set up in competition, they too went for the most extravagant, exuberant engineering of all, the V-12.

Mercedes-Benz is the most earnestly engineering-based car firm in the world. It does nothing that is not carefully considered and rational. If emotion comes into the design, it is carefully kept in its place. Yet like Jaguar and BMW, when it came to an engine for its most-expensive, most-prestigious car of all — the big S-Class saloon — there was only one choice, a V-12.

The Mercedes V-12 also went into the successor of the great Mercedes-Benz sports cars designed under Ferdinand Porsche in the 1920s and 1930s: the SS, SSK (Kurz for short) and SSKL (Leicht for light). Its modern counterpart is the SL (Sport Leicht) two-seater which Mercedes sells with a relatively humble six-cylinder engine for £53,200, or £58,000 with a four-valve cylinder head. For £74,400 it comes with a five-litre V-8.

But for its flagship model, nothing less than the best would suffice, and the best, smoothest, most powerful option is the V-12, at £96,400. Its top speed is limited to 155mph by the gentleman's agreement among major German manufacturers (save Porsche) but ultimate speed is not the aim of this car. Its ability to sweep the occupants to 100mph on the autobahn inside 15 seconds with none of the Ferrari's mechanical commotion and none of the Porsche's road roar sets it apart. Only the latest Jaguar XJS can match the Mercedes for silence and smoothness.

The 600SL is crammed with electronic excellence. Its suspension has an automatic damping system that keeps the car on an even keel. The hydraulically controlled automatic transmission harnesses the engine's 395bhp judiciously, calling up the higher gears to take advantage of the V-12's colossal pulling power without revving to high engine speeds. It pulls away with scarcely a murmur, an immensely fast touring car rather than an agile sports car.

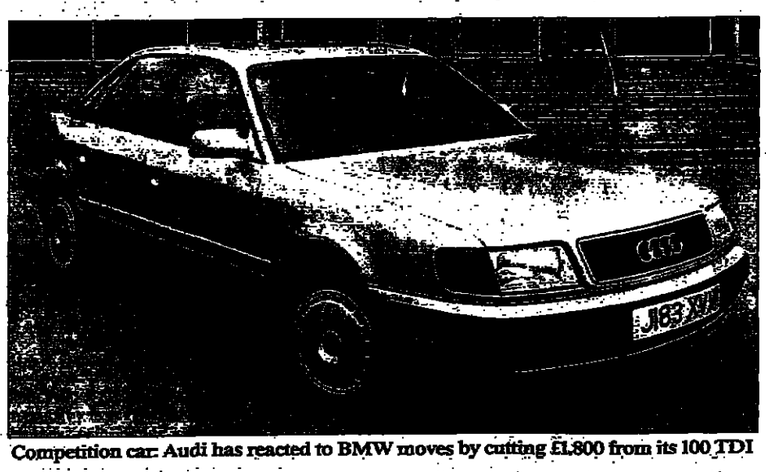
The equipment, the detailing, and the operation of the convertible top — which folds with utmost precision under a metal cover or remains taut and quiet when in use — make the car a masterpiece. It is possible to drive it fast enough to obtain single-figure miles per gallon although 16 to 18mpg is more likely.

Is it worth the best part of £100,000? When Mercedes-Benz set out to design its S-Class some ten years ago, a V-12 was still the ultimate in speed and luxury. Jaguar's was well-established and superb. Ferrari's and Lamborghini's 12s were pace-setters in the sporting field, and BMW already had its own in hand. Mercedes therefore probably felt it could not be left behind.

Yet the Mercedes V-12 does little that the five-litre V-8 cannot manage, and its extra weight makes the 600SL feel less nimble. It is magnificent but it is probably passing into history; and, as Cadillac found in 1930 when it introduced the world's first production V-16 to up-stage Packard, it is probably unnecessary.

Diesels make their mark

Once they were felt to be noisy and dirty, but new models dispel the image



Competition car: Audi has reacted to BMW moves by cutting £1,800 from its 100 TDI

Large diesel saloons have suffered until recently from a poor image that has prevented their use in large numbers as an executive alternative. The executive, looking for whispering engines, effortless performance, and prestige, has not been seduced by large diesel engines that, while offering excellent fuel economy and seemingly infinite engine longevity, do little for his street credibility.

Now things have changed. It is increasingly bad form to waft around in a brand new petrol-engined limousine during a recession, no matter how strongly such cars convey the all-important "I've arrived" image.

The smart director is now more likely to be seen driving a diesel-engined vehicle, not only because it makes profound economic and environmental sense, so sending a clear message to the firm's other company car drivers, but also because for the first time there are some truly excellent diesel-engined executive cars on the market.

A survey of fleet managers at last month's BRS Car Lease Diesel Drive '93 company car show, held in Warwickshire, showed that 98 per cent of fleet managers believed the number of diesel cars in company fleets will rise, and be more acceptable to drivers.

Helping such perceptions is the change in personal tax liability burden on the company car, which from next year will be based on 35 per cent of the car's retail price. The old system, based on price and engine size, doubly penalised the diesel-engined cars, which usually have larger engines to offer the same performance as a petrol version, and also because diesels have often been more expensive.

The use of turbo-chargers on diesel engines has largely answered the performance problem while manufacturers are now actively eroding the price differentials which have existed between their petrol and diesel models.

Paul Bates, the general manager of BRS Car Lease, says: "People are still concerned about the image. I think it is going to take time before diesel executive cars really catch on, but it will happen as the old prejudices are broken down by the improvement in performance of the new cars.

"However, there is a greater acceptability for diesels. They are being seen as the right move for executives and portraying the right image of a driver who is environmentally aware and cost-effective in his actions."

Economy is the key. The car fleet management company PHH estimates that diesels are 24 per cent cheaper to run over 60,000 miles. They are 20-30 per cent more fuel efficient, and their residual value is much stronger, particularly in the executive sector where cars can lose 50 per cent of their value in the first two years.

Executive interest in diesels has been stirred by the new range of BMW 3 and 5 Series diesels, adding to competition that includes the Audi 100TDI, the new C Class Mercedes-Benz, Rover's diesel 800, the Peugeot 605DT (the best-selling diesel executive car last year) and Citroen's XM.

BMW has targeted executive user-choosers with its new diesels, which are available in 3 and 5 Series saloons, plus 5 Series Touring format with automatic and manual options. The 5 Series ranges in price from £20,100 to £27,295 for the 525tds Touring SE Auto. The six-cylinder, turbo-diesel engines put out 115bhp in standard form, which rises to 143bhp with an intercooler, and BMW claims its 57bhp per litre is a world record for a diesel engine, giving 133mph and a 0-60mph time of about ten seconds.

Audi has reacted to the BMW competition by cutting £1,800 from its 100TDI saloon and estate prices, down to £21,400 and £22,663 respectively. *What Car?* magazine this year chose the Audi 100TDI as its best diesel car of 1993. The 115bhp TDi has a top speed of 121mph and 0-60mph time of 12.3 seconds. There is a six-speed gearbox option, to go with Audi's legendary reputation for build quality and safety.

From Mercedes-Benz comes the all-new C-Class to replace the 190 range, which includes in its seven-engine range a two litre and 2.5 litre, both with four cylinders, and the C250D, 2.5 litre diesel with the option of automatic transmission. Prices will be announced when the car goes on sale in October.

Rover's 800 series was the best-selling executive car last year, and the diesel versions use a 2.5 litre engine. The cars benefit from the British manufacturer's attention to its own heritage. Their leather and wood-lined cabins ooze opulence and there is a traditional front grille, all harking back to the British cars of the 1950s and 1960s. The 825td has a top speed of 116mph, it covers 0-60mph in just under 12 seconds and costs from £18,600.

From France come the Citroën XM and the Peugeot 605 which share the same 2.1 litre, 110bhp, turbo-diesel engine. Despite their under-the-skin similarities, the cars each have their own character; the XM with its unique Citroën suspension offers hugely relaxed long-distance motoring, while the 605 is more sporty.

The XM, priced from £18,435, has a top speed of 116mph and a 0-60 mph time of 12.4 seconds, while the 605 costs from £18,625, with a top speed of 114mph and 0-60mph time of 12.8 seconds.

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If you need to ask the price — then you cannot afford one. **Vaughan Freeman** looks at the ultimate in status symbols

In a trend that is the four-wheeled equivalent of coaxing water to run uphill, the car world has defied the recession this year and launched a batch of models that measure their speeds in hundreds of miles per hour and their asking prices in hundreds of thousands of pounds.

They are the ultimate alternative for the jaded executive who wants something extra special: supercars such as Jaguar's XJ220, a legend in its own launch-time, and claimed as the world's fastest production car, with a top speed of 217mph and an asking price of £415,000. The XJ220 is not even the most expensive of the supercars on offer, though it is one of the most contentious.

When it was first unveiled to an admiring public in 1989, the XJ220 was proposed as a V12 with four-wheel drive. The reality is a rear-wheel drive V6, coming on to a seriously depressed market.

Many of the customers happy in the boom days of the late 1980s to put down a £50,000 deposit for the car are now locked in litigation with Jaguar, willing to forfeit their deposits rather than take delivery and find the £365,000 balance.

The newest newcomer in the supercar paddock is the McLaren F1, a beautifully crafted three-seater that has lurking beneath the shell an out-and-out Formula One race car. The F1 is priced at £530,000, higher than the XJ220 by the price of a Bentley. Its top speed has not been divulged but it is said to have reached 220mph in testing, with more to come.

The engine is a made-to-order BMW six-litre V12. The man behind the car is Gordon Murray, McLaren Cars' technical director. Development drivers include Formula One's Mika Hakkinen and former grand prix driver, Jonathan Palmer. Such credentials are impeccable.

This is a part of the motoring world in which racing heritage is all. Thus, from the legendary pre-war racing stable of Bugatti, comes the EB110.

Launched earlier this year, the Bugatti is a 3.5 litre two-seater priced at £343,000, with a top speed of about 213mph and permanent four-wheel drive. Drawbacks? Fuel consumption is about four miles per gallon, and the insurance bill is the equivalent of a very nice Mercedes (£30,000) each year.

No supercar name carries more prestige than Ferrari, which has also seen orders drop because of the recession but is about to remedy that with two new cars. First is the 456GT, the most expensive and most powerful new Ferrari with a top speed of just under 190mph — a mere snip at £150,000. The 456GT goes on sale in the UK towards the end of the year, and has at its heart a front-mounted 5.5 litre V12 engine driving through the front wheels.

Ferrari is testing another car, codenamed the F130, to carry the mantle of the ultimate Ferraris such as the lamented F40. The F130 is a V12 using formula one carbon-fibre technology for body strength and lightness, together with a detuned version of Ferrari's current Formula One engine. The price is expected to be more than £200,000 when the car goes on sale next year.

British car builders are still successfully wooing drivers looking for something that epitomises quality. From Crewe comes Bentley, another car with an impressive motorsport heritage. The Bentley Brooklands cashes in, politely of course, on that racing past.

At £87,000, the Brooklands is possibly one of the best-value supercars, despite a relatively modest top speed of 125mph. For those seeking more oomph, and with £121,000 to spare, there is the Bentley Turbo R, one of the most deceptive cars on the road. The acceleration is astonishing for a car that will take five people and all of their luggage in drawing-room style comfort.

Similarly British, but without the comfort and space, is the Aston Martin. It is now part of Ford, which has pumped fresh energy in the firm thanks to Walter Hayes, the former Ford man and new Aston chairman.

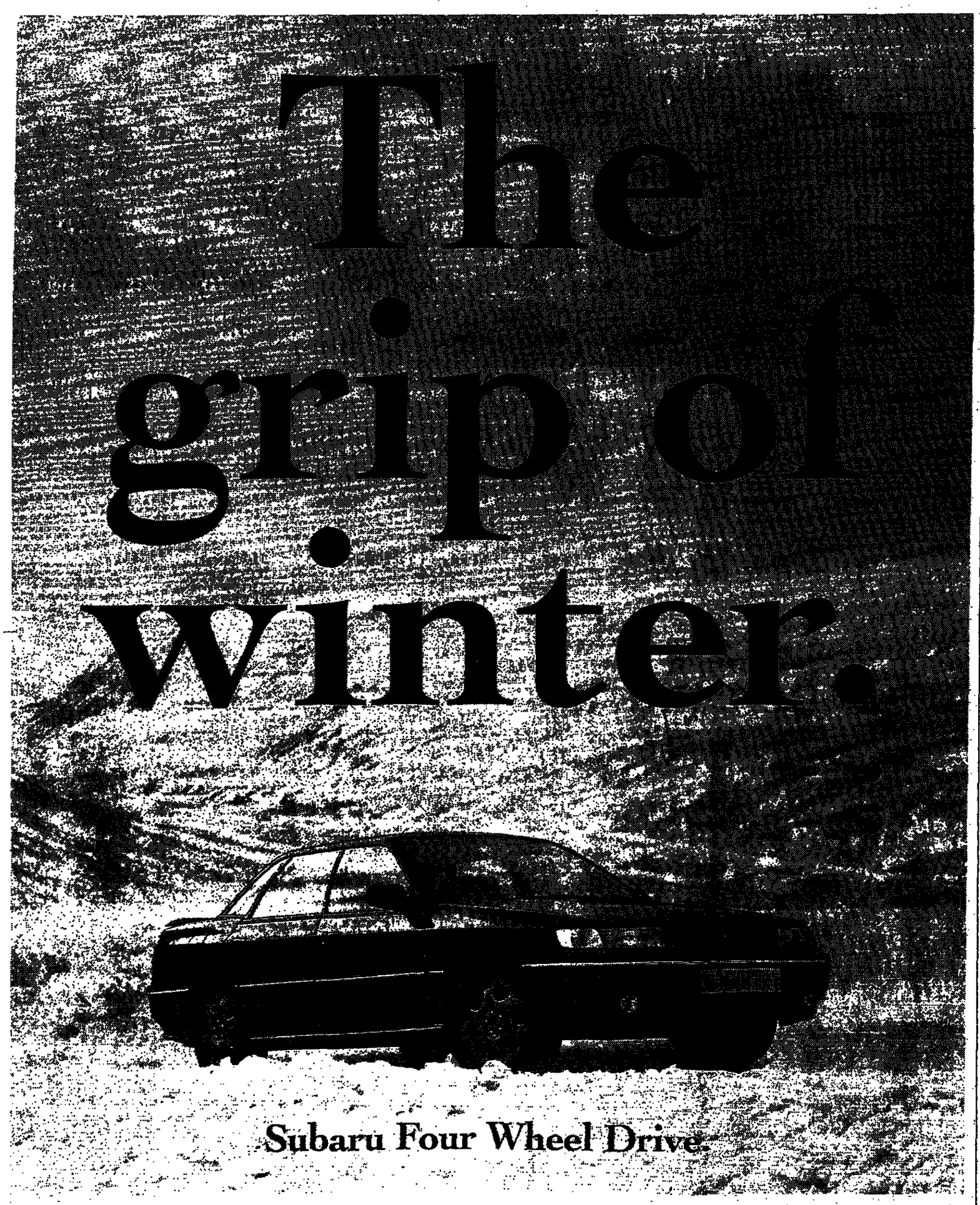
The company pledges to supply cars of such quality that they will outlast their owners. Aston's 5.3 litre Virage, capable of over 150mph, costs from £133,000. It bigger brother, the £177,000, 185mph Vantage, is "probably the finest, though we have no doubts, grand touring car in the world", Mr Hayes says.

Significantly, the Aston, a car that would buy 15 of the Ford Mondeos built by its parent company, is only half the cost of the most expensive supercars now available.

This, though, is a world where an Aston does not really have to compete for fuel efficiency, leg room or boot capacity — or asking price — with a McLaren F1 or a Bugatti. A customer looking to buy such cars is just as likely to opt instead for a helicopter or a thoroughbred race horse.



Raised profile: the Jaguar XJ220, ready for inspection, is claimed to be the fastest production car



If you want to sell, play safe

As crime rises, manufacturers are leading the way to greater security

A man returned home to find his garage doors wide open. Amazingly, his precious new Mercedes was still inside. Unable to believe his good fortune — the thieves must have been disturbed, he reasoned — he tried the engine. There was a deafening roar — his entire exhaust system had been stolen.

The motorist was the victim of a new trend of stealing to order. Theft of and from vehicles is the fastest growing crime in Britain and a car is stolen on average every minute of every day. A quarter of all the vehicles are never recovered.

Car manufacturers are responding by making tougher security devices part of their sales pitch. All the big new launches this year have included security devices, with immobilisers fitted as standard in models at the top of ranges.

Derick Perkins, the director of maintenance control at Fleet Management Services, says: "Security has improved dramatically and the manufacturers are to be congratulated. Buyers of new cars have not had to pay more to have security devices fitted as standard."

Recent launches, with security devices fitted, have included the Nissan Micra, Vauxhall Corsa, Peugeot 306, Rover 600, Ford Mondeo and Citroen Xantia. Norwich Union, the leading car insurer, approves the standard security systems introduced this year in the Jaguar XJ40 range and the Rover MG RVS. Premiums for cars in both ranges take the security systems into account.

A spokesman for Ford said that the trend was to fit security devices as standard across the range and not just for executive cars. The Mondeo can offer an alarm that immobilises the engine and is activated by a door being opened, a window broken or the bonnet lifted. When a door is locked it cannot be opened except with the key, even from the inside.

The spokesman added: "Our feedback from dealers, particularly in inner-cities, is that drivers feel an alarm is necessary and they are willing to pay for one."

Hard-hit insurance companies are joining vehicle security firms in fighting the growing wave of crime. As the thieves become more cunning, so do the anti-theft devices, with the accent increasingly on immobilising the car in the event of a break-in.

Vickie Brown, marketing services manager at Ross Group, says: "The Home Office campaign showing a pack of hyenas clambering over cars created a huge awareness of the need for security. With insurance claims rocketing, more and more insurance companies are demanding that car owners have security devices fitted."

A Ross subsidiary, Gemini Elettronica, makes alarm systems at Worcester. Miss Brown admits that they seem expensive, ranging from £100 for a basic alarm up to £500 for a full system, but she adds: "£500 is not a lot to pay to protect your car."

Gemini supplies 17 European car manufacturers and its products are approved by large insurance companies such as Norwich Union and General Accident, leading to discounts on installation costs and insurance premiums.

Similar discounts are available on Vecta products. A spokeswoman at General Accident says that the discounts can take £60-£100 off the cost of installing an effective device.

Devices are becoming more sophisticated. For example, the Gemini immobiliser switches itself on automatically 20 seconds after the ignition is turned off. Gemini has a new pager that alerts the driver if his alarm is activated. A spokeswoman said: "A lot of car crime is committed while the owner is only 100 yards or so away but does not realise the alarm has gone off."

Insurers say they are trying to encourage the fitting of immobilisers because alarms alone have not brought a noticable drop in thefts. Mr Perkins agrees: "In 1992 there was a 13 per cent increase in the number of cars stolen and not recovered from fleets — and this in a year when more alarms than ever were fitted." He says the thefts have switched from basic cars to high specification vehicles.



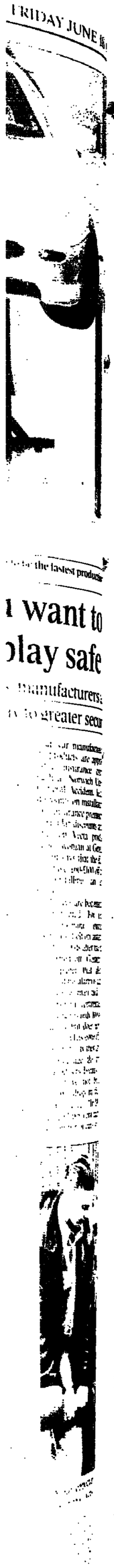
Youth opportunity: careless drivers pay

However, Mr Perkins adds: "We advise our clients to be cautious before spending anything from £265 to £600 on alarms. Car thieves know that few people pay any attention when an alarm goes off as this often happens accidentally. Many motorists also fail to activate alarms for fear that they will go off by accident and cause them embarrassment."

Meanwhile, the search for the ultimate deterrent goes on. Ford has completed a feasibility study into a device that will pinpoint the location of a stolen vehicle to within a few yards anywhere in Europe. The problem is to get a complex device, working via a satellite, compressed into a couple of computer chips. Ford reckons the device could be fitted into its cars in two to three years.

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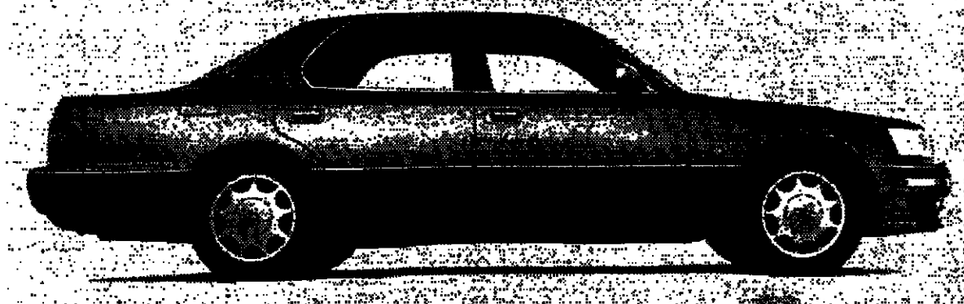
Some of the changes are subtle, like quieter boot lock, for example, and a light inside the seat belt buckle.

Other refinements are more substantial. Air bags for both driver and front seat passenger and seatbelt pre-tensioning make the Lexus even safer.

Modifications to the suspension make the ride even firmer at high speed and smoother at low. Changes to the 4 litre V8 engine make the LS400's already impressive fuel consumption figures even more astonishing. 35.3 mpg at 56 mph, the best in the category.

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When only four will do

There are times when four-wheel drive is an essential, says Eric Dymock

Four-wheel drive is like an umbrella, a sticking plaster, or an insurance policy. You can get by without it. But when you do need it, the difference may be a matter of life and death. For most drivers it is unnecessary — they never go into fields or up farm tracks, they do not *ski, they may never drive in winter.* But for country vets, farmers, site engineers, linesmen, forestry workers, surveyors and all-weather travellers who do not want the large ground clearance or heavy fuel consumption of a big 4x4, a four-wheel drive car is a boon.

Most manufacturers offer the option somewhere in their model range, although some such as Fiat have dropped it owing to the relatively small numbers sold. There was no four-wheel drive system compact enough for cars, until Audi produced one in 1980. Audi engineers hit on the idea of running one shaft within another inside the complicated gearbox which took the drive to both sets of wheels. It was so efficient it hardly used up any extra power.

Audi was uncertain who would buy it. A whole new car for a small production run was out of the question, so four-wheel drive was made an option on the two-door coupé. The wheel arches were flared to make space for wider wheels and tyres, the five-cylinder engine was turbocharged, and the memorable result was the first Audi Quattro.

It looked promising as a rally car. Its grip proved astonishing, *and its good traction on loose* surfaces enabled it to accelerate out of corners without wasting power spinning the wheels. A run of 400 cars qualified it as a production model for rallies. The Quattro changed rallying. It won just about everything, and rivals quickly converted to four-wheel drive in order to keep up.

Four-wheel drive provided such a margin of safety and grip that powerful all-weather road cars came to need it as much as anti-lock brakes, which proved difficult at first to incorporate.

The market remains small, and Audi *is an important player in it* with quattro versions throughout its range. Alfa Romeo has a 4x4 version of its old 33 and its 155 Cloverleaf based on the Fiat Tipo. BMW offers it on both saloon and touring (estate car) forms of the 525 X. Ford has a 4x4 version of the Mondeo on the way — meanwhile using it on a super-speedy version of the RS Cosworth Escort.

Although strictly a high ground clearance 4x4, the Lada Niva at £6,495 has many saloon car qualities and is one of the cheapest four-wheel drive vehicles on the UK market. The 1.6 litre Niva is refurbished this month to undercut small Japanese 4x4s and even the cut-price Vauxhall Frontera at £12,320.

The 210bhp Lancia Delta Integrale is another very special of great vigour, the very antithesis of the Mitsubishi Galant which besides four-wheel drive has electronically controlled four-wheel steering and is a technical *tour de force* of safety and refinement. The 3000GT has traction control and astonishing competence.

Nissan has a cheerful Sunny with four-wheel drive at a not-so-cheap £20,300 plus. Nissan's Land-Rover Discovery competitor is the new Terrano II, like the Ford Maverick aimed at former saloon or estate car owners.

Four-wheel drive turned out to be the solution for the unstable Porsche 911's handling problems. It no longer matters that its engine overhangs the rear wheels — 4WD takes care of things. Subaru has an exemplary range of four-wheel drive cars and estates.

The Toyota Celica GT-Four has taken the name of Toyota's works rally driver Carlos Sainz, while Vauxhall's Cavalier and Calibra 4x4s pay a penalty for extra traction by losing some boot space for the rear differential.


Audacious: Audi's 100 Quattro four-wheel drive saloon is a winner


On the range: Four-wheel drive may be essential for off-road but is also moving on to the road


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Finance doubts won't go away

The options on offer still demand care, Meryl Cumber reports

The fragile "green shoots" of recovery, combined with fleets of aging and less-reliable cars, have prompted many companies to relax restrictions on vehicle replacement. But having decided to acquire vehicles, they are faced with the enduring question: how?

An organisation's tax position can be decisive but other considerations include the balance-sheet implications of fleet ownership, the degree of risk the user is prepared to bear, and the level of in-house fleet management expertise.

There are a number of funding options and, the 1992 Hertz report found, decision-makers increasingly are tailoring a mix to fit circumstances. Higher-priced vehicles, for example, may be acquired through a contract-purchase arrangement while less-expensive models are contract-hired.

Outright purchasing still accounts for more than 50 per cent of company cars because, says Peter Rosie, general manager of Wimpey Plant and Transport, it affords complete flexibility. Mr Rosie runs a fleet of 2,500 cars for his company, a volume that attracts significant benefits from its sofus agreement with Vauxhall.

"Many companies believe the capital locked up in the fleet could be better used elsewhere in the operation, but I have found that we can fund and run our vehicles more cost-effectively than a leasing company would, outweighing any possible balance-sheet disadvantages," he explains.

Mr Rosie believes that his fleet's size is a key contributory factor to the decision to purchase and that the breakpoint below which it is probably more efficient to use external funding and management is around the 200-vehicles mark.

But even for companies with smaller fleets, a ready access to funds, a lack of pressure on gearing ratios and the 25 per cent writing-down allowance make outright purchase an attractive proposition. However, without fleet-management expertise, the whole-life costs (running costs plus residual value) could wipe out any benefits.

Bob Gordon, managing director of Kenning Leasefirst, claims his company's fleet management services can undercut in-house FM costs by an average of 30 per cent over the car's economy life.

"It is not just day-to-day maintenance. We use our buying power to achieve better prices for our customers and our skills to maximise residual values," Mr Gordon says.

He adds that the cost of his company's services is the equivalent of the salary of three or four in-house personnel who may or may not have the necessary skills.

If, however, third-party funding and cashflow regularity are required, there are a number of alternatives, the most common of which are hire purchase, lease finance, contract hire and contract purchase.

Hire purchase and lease finance are the oldest and least sophisticated of the four financial instruments and have been losing market share to more flexible options over recent years. Both arrangements require balance-sheet exposure of the asset and additional fleet-management support, but while hire purchase is a means of securing ownership, the user never owns the vehicle in a lease-finance agreement.

For tax, accounting and operational purposes, the user behaves as the owner throughout the period that hire-purchase instalments are being paid, although the lessor retains legal ownership of the vehicles until the final payment. Moreover, and a distinct advantage for organisations fully or partially VAT exempt, no VAT is payable on the interest element of the monthly repayments.


Buying power: Bob Gordon

The monthly rental on a finance lease, on the other hand, is subject to VAT on the full amount because the transaction is treated as the provision of a service. The tax is, however, recoverable (in contrast to VAT on car purchases). The final "balloon" payment is calculated at the inception of the arrangements to offset the difference between the monthly payments and predicted residual value.

Countering the gradual demise of hire purchase and lease finance, lessors report a continuing growth in market share for contract hire as fleet users attempt to distance themselves from ownership risks.

All the lessor has to do is choose the car, pay fixed monthly rentals over the pre-arranged period, and leave the rest to the leasing company which will buy, manage and dispose of the vehicles. "Sale and leaseback" arrangements, allowing the user to free capital, have also generated growth.

As a rental arrangement, the cars do not appear on the balance sheet, but there are downsides. Early termination of an agreement or total palleage in excess of the level agreed at the outset will attract financial penalties. Further, for partially or full VAT-exempt organisations such as charities, the VAT charges are painful.

Many such operations are therefore turning to contract purchase which, as an agreement to purchase, does not attract VAT on the proportion of monthly rental covering depreciation and interest but does put the asset "on balance sheet".

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Chicago poised for title as Jordan shines in eclipse of the Suns



Jordan: dominant

FROM SIMON BARNES IN CHICAGO

MICHAEL Jordan was criticised for "trying too hard" in the third game of the National Basketball Association finals, as the Chicago Bulls dropped a game to the Phoenix Suns earlier in the week. He tried too hard again in the fourth yesterday, but Chicago will probably forgive him this time.

For he scored 55 points in an extraordinary display of virtuosity. I have never seen a team game dominated so much by an individual. At times, his team-mates reminded me of the sequined ladies who pirouettes beside a master magician and milks applause for him. The Great Mysterioso. Chicago won 111-105, and the Suns' coach, Paul Westphal, said it all. "He inflicted his will on us."

Basketball people like to talk about "hang time". This is the length of time a player can remain at the peak of his jump, suspended in mid-air. The term is borrowed from American football: the punter must make a kick of perfectly-judged "hang-time", allowing his players to arrive beneath it exactly as it comes to earth.

To watch Jordan, at the apex of his leap, feint, stop, have a re-think, feint again and then impose his shot the ball home from an utterly unexpected direction, is to learn something about hang-time.

The problem is that the concept is bogus. No object can hang in the air. It's it with a brick: it doesn't. The point is that with these superlative basketball performers, it seems to. The leap is prodigious, the speed of mind and body in-mid-leap baffles the eye. It looks as if Jordan is hanging from Peter Pan wires but the true miracle is that he is as much subject to the laws of gravity as the rest of us. It just doesn't seem that way.

In the United States, they reckon Jordan is the finest athlete that ever drew breath. But after the game three defeat, people were wondering if this was not the beginning of the end. Jordan complained of tired legs; meanwhile, claims about his taste for high-stakes gambling had sullied his saintly image. He was up against it, but some superstars rather like that.

And Jordan's answer was utterly overwhelming. The fact that the game was not a complete rout was a mighty tribute to the feistiness of the Suns, and in particular of the *rot loleil*, Charles Barkley.

Jordan got most of his points the painful way, driving through the crowd at the basket. He worked trick after trick. Fake right, go left. Fake right, go right. Three men took turns at stopping him, three men failed. Each in his turn was left grasping at air. I remember a comment when George Best's marker was substituted: "He was suffering from twisted blood." Best's pal, Paddy Crerand, said.

Jordan was his usual stately, deep-voiced self after the game. His nature is gracious and pefectly enigmatic. "When a big game comes I try to do too much and get out of rhythm," he conceded. But this time, it all worked. His colleagues on Team Jordan simply gave him the ball and let him get on with it.

"I didn't really sense myself taking over the ball game," Jordan said. "I was more or less penetrating, trying to get easy baskets and I felt myself able to capitalise on the defense. I used all different methods to beat the defense."

He did. But all the same, the Suns had a chance to steal the game at the death, and then no doubt the magnificent performance would have been written up as another tired display from an aging superstar. The Suns had closed to within two points with 33 seconds left, and had possession.

But B. J. Armstrong pulled off a dramatic steal, slipped the ball to The Great Mysterioso and once again, Jordan hammered into the heart of the Suns' defense. He faked, faked again, and as usual, soared. He got a shove on the way up from Barkley: whacked giddily off balance, he turned in mid-air and, with his usual airy disregard for the laws of physics and biomechanics, popped the ball home. He was facing the wrong way at the time, but no matter. He then got up to take the free throw awarded for Barkley's foul: the ball hit nothing but net, and that was the game.

Game five is here in Chicago tonight, and the Bulls, 3-1 up, are confidently expected to win, and with it, the best-of-seven championship for the third successive time. The three-peat is almost achieved. "It's a dangerous position for us," Jordan said. "You can overlook the last game. The last game will be the most difficult. We don't want this thing to slip through our fingers."

Was this your best championship game ever, Michael? "Naaaw. The best game is always the last game. It was one of my greatest games. I've yet to see the greatest."

Carling out of Lions match with Auckland

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN AUCKLAND

THE British Isles management may claim that the XV that plays against Auckland at Eden Park tomorrow is not the international side, but they are fooling no one.

Graham Henry, coach to an Auckland team which can comfortably be described as the best provincial team in the world, said: "It must be the side they think will play in the Test match. They have shown respect for Auckland by picking their strongest team."

That respect is well deserved: Auckland have not lost to an international touring team since the 1981 South Africans, and their successful defence of the Ranfurly Shield against Hawke's Bay earlier this month was their 59th in succession.

The Lions have made four significant changes to the team that lost 20-18 to New Zealand last week for what has been dubbed the fiftieth international. Will Carling, the England captain, is replaced in the centre by Scott Gibbs, while Brian Moore and Jason Leonard join the front row and Martin Johnson the second row.

There is likely to be a further change today since Dean Richards strained a calf muscle training in New Plymouth yesterday. Richard Webster stands by to play blind-side flanker, with Ben Clarke reverting to No 8.

The selection must be applauded. Leonard and Nick Popplewell have been the two best props throughout the tour and Leonard, having survived his baptism on the tight-head side so successfully against Taranaki, gets the chance to play against the All Black front row.

There has seldom been much daylight between Moore and Ken Milne, but Moore's useful display on Wednesday, and his familiarity with two of the three lineout men — Bayfield, who will move to the middle of the line, and Clarke — earned him the place. Johnson's secure catching at the front of the lineout, too, ensured his rapid promotion in a tour which he should have started rather than joining as a replacement.

The demotion of Carling is a sad reflection of his year. His standards are high but, both in the five nations' championship and here, he has failed to put his mark on events. He has accepted the disappointment with dignity but there is little doubt that, but for his ankle injury against Southland, Gibbs would have played in the international last week. The Welshman's strong running, his tight defence and good handling have been a feature of the tour.

"Obviously I am disappointed and it was not something I expected to happen," Carling said. "I have enjoyed the tour and felt sharp in the games, but maybe not as sharp as I would have wanted. I want to show that I still have got the form to be a Test centre."

Gibbs said: "I am delighted to be given this opportunity in such an important match. It gives me a real chance to show what I can do alongside another set of top players."

Ian McGeechan, the Lions coach, suggested Auckland were "probably the best non-international team in the world". Many would regard them, with ten All Blacks, as better than most international teams, regardless of their defeat in the Super 10 final to Transvaal last month.

Henry confirmed the presence of John Kirwan, New Zealand's record tryscorer, and Michael Jones on the wing and flank respectively, though Mark Carter would almost certainly have played ahead of Jones had he been fully fit. Kirwan and Grant Fox played in the Auckland side that beat the 1983 Lions 13-12 through Fox's late dropped goal.

In training yesterday everything Auckland did was at pace and hardly a ball, on a damp evening, was dropped.

The recruitment of Lee Stensness from Manawatu has added zip to their midfield and Henry said in a recent interview that "the guys really look forward to playing against international sides ... the pressure's off. You're not playing for two points, and you're not playing to keep the shield in the cupboard. So there's just pride in the game, and they enjoy it."

The Lions would exchange defeat against Auckland for victory over New Zealand on the subsequent two Saturdays. They may have to.

AUCKLAND: S Howarth; J Kirwan, W Sututu, L Stensness, E Clarke; G Fox, J Hawke; C Dowd, S Fitzpatrick, O Brown, B Jackson, R Fromont, R Brooke, M Jones, Z Brooke (captain).

BRITISH ISLES: G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); I Evans (Llanelli), S Gibbs (Swansea), J Guscott (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester); R Andrew (Wasps), D Morris (Orrell); N Popplewell (Greystones), B Moore (Harlequins), J Leonard (Harlequins), B Clarke (Bath), M Johnson (Leicester), M Bayfield (Northampton), P Winterbottom (Harlequins), D Richards (Leicester).

Referee: D Bishop (Southland).



DAVID ROGERS/ALLSPORT

Out in the cold: Carling at Lions training in Auckland yesterday. He was left out of the team to face the Ranfurly Shield holders

Red tape keeps Dooley at home

BY DAVID HANDS

WADE Dooley will not now be rejoining the British Isles on their rugby union tour of New Zealand. The four home unions tours committee has ruled that, if he accepted a New Zealand Rugby Football Union invitation to return, he would not be allowed to play.

The England lock had planned to leave London yesterday, eight days after his father's funeral, which forced his return home on June 7.

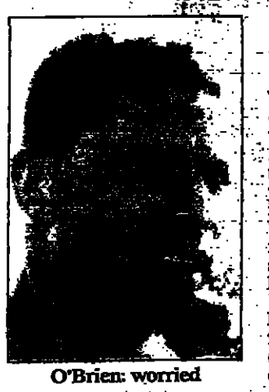
The New Zealand union, through its chairman, Eddie Tonks, had indicated that Dooley would be welcome back on compassionate grounds and was prepared to ignore the fact that Martin Johnson had replaced Dooley in the Lions party.

But Geoff Cooke, the Lions manager, clearly irritated that the unusual — possibly unique — situation had not been clarified long before, said British officials had told Tonks that for Dooley to return as a player would be in breach of the tour agreement and create an undesirable precedent. "It would seem Wade's distinguished international career is now over," Cooke said.

Ronald Dawson, chairman of the tours committee, said yesterday: "I'm deeply sympathetic to Wade and the circumstances under which he had to return home. We had a clear request to replace Wade from Geoff Cooke, the Lions manager, but there was no intimation when the request was made that Wade could return to play."

Dooley said: "I'm very cheesed off. I went out as a No I choice and, if I returned, I would want to be fighting for a place in the Test side. Should the Lions suffer injury to any of their locks, however, Dooley would be available to rejoin the tour party.

O'Brien clears psychological hurdle to put record straight



O'Brien: worried

FROM DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN EUGENE

THE loudest cheer here on Wednesday at the United States trials for the world championships was not for a 100 metres run in 9.79sec, or even for the second time it happened, but for a pole vault clearance that would not impress at a British League match. When Dan O'Brien vaulted 4.55 metres, the world's greatest all-round athlete was prevented from reliving his worst nightmare.

His worst nightmare in sport, at least. Abandoned by his parents, a former alcoholic, drug-taker and petty criminal, O'Brien has a story to compare with some of those from heavyweight boxing. "It seems like I had to screw up to grow up," he said.

Yet, even now, even as the man who last September erased Daley Thompson's decathlon world record, he is not the most stable of characters. O'Brien failed to qualify for the Olympic Games last year because he came into the pole vault at an ambitious 4.90 metres and did not register a height. Under the United States' system, the first three from the trials are in the team. There is no room, as in Britain, for selectors' discretion.

This time, O'Brien almost did not make it as far as the pole vault, the eighth event. He wanted to pull out before the start and only after a heated exchange did his coaches, Rick Sloan and Mike Keller, talk him into competing. "Sometimes I'm a wimp," O'Brien said after scoring 8,331 points for victory. "I am a hard guy to work with because I am not confident all the time. I am lucky I made it. I probably owe my coaches an apology, definitely more than they owe me one for the way they spoke to me."

O'Brien's reluctance had been based on a thigh injury. "The guy has so much talent, but he acts more like 21 than 26," Keller said. Even after the high jump, the fourth event, he was still threatening to withdraw.

A prostate infection had hindered his training, physically and psychologically. He had been worried he might have cancer, but is now satisfied he is clear. "That's the kind of guy he is. He worries a lot," Fred Samara, the American national decathlon coach, said.

If there was any worrying to do, it was by Carl Lewis. Like O'Brien, Lewis was a trials victim last year, failing to qualify for the Olympic 100 metres. In reaching the final here, Lewis looked no more impressive than Mike Marsh or Dennis Mitchell and short of Andre Cason's form. Only the first three go to Stuttgart.

Cason ran 9.79sec in his heat and semi-final, helped by wind speed more than twice the legal limit. But only Lewis has ever run faster, wind-aided or not, at 9.78. Cason, a former world indoor champion at 60 metres, showed by holding off Leroy Burrell over the last 40 metres that he now has the strength to go the distance.

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ATHLETICS

EUGENE, Oregon: United States world championship trials: Second day: Men: 100m: Semi-finals: A: 1, A Cason, 9.79sec; 2, L Burrell, 9.93; 3, C Smith, 10.11; 4, S Jefferson, 10.18. B: 1, D Mitchell, 9.96; 2, C Lewis, 10.05; 3, M Marsh, 10.06; 4, J Drummond, 10.09. Hammer: 1, L Disel, 78.10m; 2, J Driscoll, 71.74; 3, K McMahon, 69.98. Decathlon: 1, D O'Brien, 8,331pts; 2, S Fritz, 8,178; 3, R Muzzio, 8,057. Women: 100m: Semi-finals: A: 1, M Finn, 11.05sec; 2, G Torrance, 11.09; 3, T Neighbors, 11.19; 4, G Taplin, 11.30. B: 1, G Devers, 11.05; 2, H Hyche, 11.14; 3, W Versen, 11.26; 4, S Echols, 11.27. 10,000m: 1, L Jennings, 31min 57.23sec; 2, A Latko, 32:00.37; 3, E Van Blunk, 32:07.19. Heptathlon: 1, J Joyner-Kersee, 6,770pts; 2, K Carter, 6,036; 3, D Nathen, 6,036.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 8, Florida Marlins 4; St Louis Cardinals 3, Pittsburgh Pirates 2; San Francisco Giants 5, Cincinnati Reds 5 (10); Montreal Expos 4, Philadelphia Phillies 3 (10); Atlanta Braves 5, New York Mets 2; Houston Astros 5, San Diego Padres 4; Colorado Rockies 7, Los Angeles Dodgers 6.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto Blue Jays 4, Minnesota Twins 0; Milwaukee Brewers 7, Baltimore Orioles 2; Chicago White Sox 4, Oakland A's 0; Cleveland Indians 8, Detroit Tigers 2; Boston Red Sox 7, New York Yankees 1; California Angels 5, Texas Rangers 2; Kansas City Royals 5, Seattle 1 Mariners.

BASKETBALL

NBA CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES: Chicago Bulls 111, Phoenix Suns 105 (Chicago lead best-of-seven game series 3-1).

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Shildon: Durham 302-9 dec (S Hutton 87, S M McEwan 68 not out); Nottinghamshire 23-0. Brewood: Cambridgeshire 106 (P G Newman 6-30) and 130-8 (B Roberts 74, P G Newman 4-27) Staffordshire 186 (S J Dean 58). Match drawn.

CYCLING

QUILLAN, France: Mid-Libre race: Second stage: 1, M Fondriest (It), 5hr 37min 42sec; 2, D Arnould (Fr); 3, R Pelliconi (It). 4, D Rous (Fr), all same time; 5, D Bonciani (It), at 1min 12sec. British: 17, R Millar, at 1:12. Overall: 1, Fondriest, 7:48:50; 2, Arnould, at 3sec; 3, Pelliconi, at 4; 4, Rous, at 7. British: 17, Millar, 1:22.

TOUR OF SWITZERLAND: Second stage winner (181.2km to Baden): G Furlan (It), 4hr 23min 09sec. Other: 18, S Kelly (Ire), same time. Overall: 1, Museeuw, 8hr 09min 01sec; 2, Casartelli; 3, B Boscardin (It), both at 4sec. Other: 12, Kelly, at 10sec.

KRISTIANSTAD: Tour of Sweden: First stage winner (184km): T Wilhelms (Ger), 4hr 41min 23sec.

GLIDING

BORLANGE, Sweden: World championships: Third day: Open (368.7km poly): 1, S Wujczak (Pol), ASW22B, 71.14kph, 1,000pts; 2, J Cantha (Pol), ASW22B, 70.93, 998; 3, K Leppelainen (Fin), ASH25, 70.12, 984. British: 5, A Kay, ASH25, 68.34, 931; 6, B Spreckley, ASH25, 339.7km, 908. 15m (330.3km poly): 1, P Camy (Sto), Ventus C, 81.76kph, 1,000; 2, E Napoleon (Fr), LS8, 59.14, 999; 3, S Ghilardo (It), LS8, 321.2km, 940. British: 15, J Wills, LS8, 168.9km, 488; 21 equal, M Wells, LS8C, 154.7km, 453. Standard (328.1km poly): 1, A Davis (GB), Discus B, 66.54kph, 1,000; 2, E Borgmann (Holl), Discus B, 63.03, 986; 3, T Rutski (Pol) SZD55, 62.77, 984. British: equal 21, D Watt, ASW24, 203.0km, 560; 40, C Rollings, SZD55, 112.5km, 311. Overall (provisional): Open: 1, G Ax (Swe), 2,676pts; 2, Cantha, 2,701; 3, Wujczak, 2,617; 4, Kay, 2,591; 6, Spreckley, 2,522. 15m: 1, Napoleon, 2,746; 2, Ghilardo, 2,632; 3, M Theisinger (Ger), 2,613; 7, Wills, 2,340; 8, Wells, 2,297. Standard: 1, J Sorri (Fin), 2,448; 2, Borgmann, 2,390; 3, Davis (GB) 2,366; 27, Watt, 1,722 pts; 30, Rollings, 1,651.

GOLF

LA MOYE: Jersey European Airways Open: Early leading first-round scores (69 and tie unless stated): 65: R Drummond; B Barnes. 67: K Waters. 68: J M Canizares (Sp); J McHenry; M Clayton (Aus); M James; H Clark; M Mouland. 69: R Claydon; G Ralph; M Poxon; G Furey. 70: M Mackenzie; R Lee; J Robson; D Cooper; D Smyth; R Mann; J Payne; R Boxall; R McFarlane; P Way; P Baker; R Rafferty; J Sewell. 71: P Lawrie; M Krantz (Swe); T Horton. 72: A Sherborne; B Gallacher; P Walton; P Fulke (Swe); R Chapman; J Robinson; A Cotter; A Oldcorn. 73: M Bessenaney (Fr); P Eales (Den); P Oosterhuis; A Hare; R Mackenzie (Chile).

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Group four: Faeroe Islands 0, RCS 3 (In Tottil). Group five: Iceland 2, Hungary 0 (in Reykjavik). Group six: Finland 0, Israel 0 (in Lahti).

SPANISH CUP: Semi-final: Second leg: Barcelona 1, Real Madrid 2 (Real Madrid win 3-2 on agg).

COPA AMERICA: Group A: Uruguay 1, United States 0. Group C: Colombia 2, Mexico 1.

TENNIS

EASTBOURNE: Women's Volkswagen Cup: Second round: K Date (Japan) wo J Durie (GB), scr; L Raymond (US) bt N Zvereva (Belorus), 6-4, 7-5; N Tauziat (Fr) bt L Neiland (Lat), 7-6, 5-7, 6-4; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt S Farina (It), 5-7, 6-3, 6-2; M Navratilova (US) bt P Hy (Can), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; G Helgeson (US) bt I Gorrochategui (Arg), 6-4, 6-2; H Sukova (Cz) bt S Schultz (Hol), 7-5, 6-2. Third round: M Oremans (Hol) bt Date, 7-5, 6-2; L McNeil (US) bt G Sabatini (Arg), 7-6, 6-1; G Fernandez (US) bt Sawamatsu, 6-2, 7-5; P Fendick (US) bt Raymond, 7-5, 6-4; Tauziat bt Z Garrison-Jackson (US), 5-7, 6-2, 1-0 ret.

MANCHESTER: Direct Line Insurance Open: Men's quarter-finals: W Masur (Aus) bt J Bates (GB), 6-4, 6-3; S Simien (Fr) bt C Pioline (Fr), 6-3, 6-4; H Holm (Swe) bt G Raoux (Fr), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt J Bingh (Hol), 6-2 6-4.

ROEHAMPTON: Wimbledon qualifying tournament: Men's singles: First round: N Broad (GB) bt N Bruno (It), 7-6, 6-7, 7-5; P Bauer (Ger) bt T Hogstedt (Swe), 4-6, 6-1, 6-3; K Ulyett (SA) bt G Doakle (Lat), 7-5, 7-6; C Pridham (Can) bt J Hunter (GB), 6-4, 6-7, 9-7; A Kratzmann (Aus) bt J-L Pasquon (Sp), 6-3, 6-4; M Knowles (US) bt V Roublook (Cz), 6-3, 6-1; R Schmidt (US) bt M Zillner (Ger), 7-6, 6-4; S Davis (US) bt D Marcelino (Br), 7-6, 6-2; H Davids (Hol) bt R Saad (Arg), 3-6, 7-5, 7-5; M Tobon (Col) bt J Mas (Sp), 7-6, 7-5; G Doyle (Aus) bt J Bjorkman (Swe), 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; D Rach (US) bt F Krumrey (Ger), 6-2, 6-2; F Wibier (Hol) bt L Pass (India), 3-6, 7-6, 6-3; A Chang (Can) bt M Hadad (Col), 6-4, 7-6; P Norvel (SA) bt B Pearce (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-1; S Rhode (Ger) bt R Smith (Bah), 7-6, 7-5; G Muller (SA) bt P Lungren (Swe), 4-6, 7-6, 20-18; K Thome (US) bt M Lopez (Sp), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; B Joelson (US) bt C Mason (SA), 6-7, 7-6, 6-5; D Nassar (Can) bt B MacPhie (US), 6-7, 7-6, 6-3; T Nelson (US) bt V Santo Padre (Sp), 6-7, 6-3, 6-4. Women's singles: Second round: C Wegink (Holl) bt L Ah (GB), 6-4, 6-4; M Kochta (Cze) bt M Perz (Arg), 6-7, 6-0, 6-2; T Price (SA) bt J Simmons (US), 6-2, 6-2; T Whittington (US) bt M Kidowaki (Japan), 6-4, 6-1; C MacGregor (US) bt E Salvoldi (It), 6-4, 6-3. Cup: Second round: K Date (Japan) wo J Durie (GB), scr; L Raymond (US) bt N Zvereva (Belorus), 6-4, 7-5; N Tauziat (Fr) bt L Neiland (Lat), 7-6, 5-7, 6-4; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt S Farina (It), 5-7, 6-3, 6-2; M Navratilova (US) bt P Hy (Can), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; G Helgeson (US) bt I Gorrochategui (Arg), 6-4, 6-2; H Sukova (Cz) bt S Schultz (Hol), 7-5, 6-2. Third round: M Oremans (Hol) bt Date, 7-5, 6-2; L McNeil (US) bt G Sabatini (Arg), 7-6, 6-1; G Fernandez (US) bt Sawamatsu, 6-2, 7-5; P Fendick (US) bt Raymond, 7-5, 6-4; Tauziat bt Z Garrison-Jackson (US), 5-7, 6-2, 1-0 ret.

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MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Weymouth (second day): Dorset v Herefordshire.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Jersey European Airways Open (La Moye).

TENNIS: Direct Line Insurance Manchester Open (Didsbury); Volkswagen Cup (Eastbourne); Wimbledon championships qualifying tournament (Roehampton).

ATHLETICS: Pearl Games (Belfast).

LACROSSE: England v Johns Hopkins University (Cheadle Hulme CC, 6.30).

EQUESTRIANISM: International dressage (Addington Manor).

Tennis artists depend on the guru who acts on gut feelings

Playing an air on a racket string

Andrew Longmore on a man who works in the no man's land between technology and human emotion

YOU will not hear his name on the commentary nor see his face in the players' box, but the odds are that, by the end of Wimbledon, the two champions will have a former French soldier to thank for their *triumphs*. *Lucien Nogues is a* racket-stringer by profession, the best in the business, according to the players, but he is much more than that. He is also mechanic, piano-tuner, psychologist, guru and technician.

He operates in a no man's land between the forces of exact science and human emotion, talking one moment of dynamic balance, the next of artists and *le talent*.

His favourite gesture is to rap his head with his knuckles in a way which equally describes the erratic mentality of the professional tennis player and the inconstancy of the British weather. "One is the barometer inside, the other the barometer outside," he said. Before a ball is struck in anger on the centre court, the Frenchman will have a shrewd idea who is in good form and who is not, just from the way they have been preparing their rackets.

"If a player is changing things a lot, you know they will not be in the final because they are fighting themselves before fighting the ball and their opponent," he said. "But if a player finds the right *balance for their racket after* one or two days of practice then you know they are confident and well prepared. Tennis is 70 per cent in the mind. If you are playing well, all the outside factors become less important."

During Wimbledon, Nogues and four colleagues work from a private house within five minutes of the main gates of the All England Club. They will restring almost 700 rackets during the fortnight, use eight kilometres of string gut and service 60 international players contracted to his company, Babolat. A player on court can have a racket restrung and back in use inside half an hour.

MARC ASPLAND



All strung up: Lucien Nogues, professional mechanic and amateur psychologist

No less than a concert musician with his instrument, players have to feel comfortable with the tools of their trade. Besides state of mind, that can be decided by any number of delicate variables: balance, overall weight, weight of the head and tension.

The most sensitive players — Boris Becker, for example — change the tension of their strings from day to day, depending on the dampness in the air and the heaviness of the balls. Others, such as *Arantxa Sánchez Vicario*, use the same tension for every match and simply adjust to the conditions on court themselves.

Psychology and habit are as much a part of the equation as statistics. Ivan Lendl unwraps a newly-strung racket with every change of balls. He has his rackets restrung in Boca Raton. When Becker was switching racket manufacturer, his new company coloured his old rackets and mixed them into a batch of 100 direct copies. Becker picked out all three.

"Often players want their rackets done during a rain delay," Nogues said. "That's partly because the temperature has dropped, partly it's in the mind. When they go back, it's like starting a new match so they want to know that their sword is perfect. They are artists, after all."

Amid the mumbo-jumbo, though, lie a few fundamental principles. A thinner gauge of gut is used for a fast surface such as grass where speed of stroke is more important than spin. In moving from the slow clay courts of the French Open to Wimbledon, many leading players will alter the balance of the frame fractionally, making the racket head lighter and more manoeuvrable to cope with the greater pace. The trick is to match power and control. Contrary to general belief, increasing the string tension *lessens* power, but gives more control and vice versa.

Bjorn Borg had a heavy racket strung to 33kg, almost twice that of John McEnroe. Borg, the counter-puncher, had the power, but needed control; McEnroe, with his short backswing and exquisite touch, wanted more power. Sampras and Edberg both use the same type of racket, but the American has his racket strung almost 10kg tighter than *Edberg*. Ever different, *Andre Agassi uses natural gut* for his main strings and Kevlar for his cross strings, which explains why alot of his shots sound like mishits.

After ten years with Babolat, Nogues, 44, has worked with most of the greats. He has his personal favourites, but will *not name* them. "It is like life. You get on better with some people than others. We do a professional job for them all and if one of them wins the title, we are just like them. Tired but happy."

Solo performance packs real punch

There was a slip in my programme for *Ali* at the Mermaid Theatre in Puddle Dock and my heart sank a bit: programme slips announce changes of cast ... and this was a one-man show — but I need not have worried: the addendum informed patrons that Geoffrey C. Ewing has been awarded a prestigious theatrical gong for his performance in the very play we were about to see.

Ali is a hagiography. Mr Ewing appears shuffling on stage as the present-day ex-world heavyweight champion. His voice is soft — after a few minutes, someone in the back of the stalls called out "speak up" and Ali took it in his stride, said, "you stand up", and went on talking quietly of having brought 15 hostages out of Iran, of being called "an angel" by one of the men whose release he had effected.

The stage was half a boxing ring and some metal lockers, into which he puts his trousers as he changes into boxing gear, from which he takes towels to rub off the genuine sweat after he has beaten Liston in six. "I predicted eight, but he wanted to prove me wrong."

He begins the flashbacks as Olympic light-heavyweight champion — Rome 1960 — predicts that he will be the next heavyweight champion of the world: "I am the greatest, the prettiest, no one is more beautiful than me. Cassius Marcellus Clay, named after an emperor"; he is brash and loud and we cannot help noticing that his Louisville accent was *made for one-liners, not one-man shows.*

We sit and watch as this talented actor tells of his transition from proud American Baptist to disciple of Elijah Muhammad, then Vietnam refusenik, who is stripped of his title and his honour and comes back: beats Spinks, beats Holmes, beats Frazier — after each of these men had beaten him, before he himself was permanently beaten by Parkinson's Syndrome, but remains "one of the most famous people in the world, *recognised by just about* everyone in each of the five continents".

"Are you sorry you took up fighting?" asks the loudspeaker voice that interviews him.

"A lot of things happened to me that would not have happened if I had not been a fighter."

He finishes the two-hour performance with the best monologue of the play: "A man without love is wrinkled ... and I am smooth; the power of love has made me fight for the poor and the under-privileged, the little people, the cloakroom attendants ... " and then he walks around the auditorium and shakes hands with people who bow, who forget that this is Geoffrey C. Ewing, actor, and not "the greatest", who won the world heavyweight championship aged 21, had it taken away for his religious beliefs and uniquely among boxers,



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who never come back, regained the title twice.

I had not previously seen Geoffrey C. Ewing, but 28 years before his performance at the Mermaid, in the summer of 1965, I did *have lunch with Muhammad* Ali. He was the world champion; I was a sports columnist and Angelo Dundee, Ali's manager, had arranged the meeting.

The great man came into the foyer of the hotel on his own, stalked the centre block of cocktail tables and chairs until a small entourage of disciples had gathered behind him, then walked into the restaurant. The waiter gave him a menu.

"Whaddayougive me this for?"

His spiritual adviser said: "It's a menu."

"OK" said Ali, "give me a pen" and he signed it and I noticed that his fingernails were heavily varnished. He had tomato soup *and steak* with ketchup.

"Does what you eat play an important part in your life?"

He *mumbled something* and I asked if he might say it again. "What you eat is what you are." And there was a long silence, during which he drank his soup and sucked his teeth.

I had been expecting something loud, but he had found Islam and remained hushed. "Which is the real you?"

"This is the real me; before this, I was a mayor looking for office: now I am in office, I don't have to say 'I'm the greatest' anymore."

I asked what made him happy and he looked blank. I said: "Do women make you happy?"

Mr Dundee had to restrain him from talking a punch at me, told Ali that I had not meant this disrespectfully.

The world champion *picked up a magazine and* started reading, mouthing the headlines, putting them to tuneless music which he hummed. Then he said: "The press are twisters, all of them — hypocrites. I told them that after I had beaten Liston."

I said I thought we had eaten much humble pie after predicting his defeat and he said: "Ice cream." After a while, I asked what he would do when he gave up boxing.

"Live easy, like you; not wear a tie every day". And soon after that he left.

For over an hour he had not smiled, raised his voice or looked me in the eye. He left the hotel through a service door and as he walked through it I saw his face light up.

"Who is he smiling at?" I asked one of his minders.

"Half-a-dozen foxes on the pavement."

"Foxes?"

"Broads."

"Are they coloured?"

"Well," said the minder: "they sure as hell aren't blue."

His manager said: "Ali loves everybody, especially everybody from the press."

Sabatini impressed by McNeil's potential

BY STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

GABRIELA Sabatini has a tip for Wimbledon. The most dangerous outsider, she thinks, is Lori McNeil, who *knocked her out of the Volkswagen* Cup at Eastbourne yesterday and whom she rates as one of the best players in the world on grass.

McNeil's credentials are so convincing that, although she is ranked nineteenth globally, the Wimbledon committee could have used its discretion and included her among the 16 seeds. *Sabatini, for one, believes that* the American was unlucky not to receive preferential treatment.

As well as being the holder of the title at Eastbourne, McNeil, 29, won on grass last week at Edgbaston. Among her victims there was Nathalie Tauziat, the sixteenth seed at Wimbledon and her opponent in the outstanding quarter-final today. Sabatini, who went down 7-6, 6-1 yesterday, is seeded four. The first set, played in a strong and blustery wind, was critical. Once Sabatini had lost the tiebreak, 7-5, she lost heart. Only when she was 5-0 *down in the second set was she* temporarily stirred by pride.

Sabatini conceded that she is, and will continue to be, haunted by her scarcely believable defeat in the French Open. Leading 6-1, 5-1, she missed five match points in the quarter-final before yielding to Mary Joe Fernandez. "I'll think about that until I finish *playing tennis*," she said. "But it hasn't affected my confidence."

It might, though, have been shaken by the overt supremacy of McNeil. Grass suits her aggressive style, but she is not necessarily disheartened by the decision of Wimbledon's committee. She was not even aware of the identity of her opponent in the first round next week. It is Amanda Grunfeld, the British No 5 who has won only two matches at Wimbledon in seven years. Doubtless, it is soon about to be two in eight.

McNeil would probably then play *Magdalena Maleeva, the No 10 seed*, and could go on to meet Conchita Martinez, the sixth, in the last 16. "It is a pretty open tournament," she said. "There are a lot of unseeded players with big services who are dangerous."

As an example, she mentioned the loser in a match which might have been termed as the battle of the giants. *Brenda Schultz was eliminated by the* equally tall Helena Sukova (between them, they stand 12ft 4in), who was in turn knocked out by Miriam Oremans, from Holland, in the quarter-final.

Martina Navratilova won both of her matches during the busy schedule, but Jo Durie succumbed to injury. A month ago, she had an operation "to remove the bits which had eroded behind the left knee cap," — as she quaintly put it. She won her first-round match, but, while waiting for the rain to cease on Wednesday, the muscles in the joint stiffened.

She felt it prudent to withdraw from her match against Kimiko Date to avoid damaging the knee. She intends to plea for leniency from the order-of-play committee at Wimbledon. The later she starts in the tournament, the better her chances of being able to compete.

Jim Pierce, the father of Mary, has been *shown no mercy, though*. Found guilty of causing a disturbance and illegal coaching during the French Open, he has been banned by the Women's Tennis Council from attending any of his daughter's matches for the rest of the year. Wimbledon yesterday agreed to impose the sanction.



Stage struck: actor Geoffrey C. Ewing throws a playful hook at Muhammad Ali

Britons fall by wayside

CLAIRE Wegink, of Holland, yesterday claimed another British scalp at the Roehampton qualifying tennis tournament for Wimbledon (Alix Ramsay writes).

Wegink defeated Lucie Ahl 6-4, 6-4 in the second round, after putting out Julie Salmon in the first round. Organisers were frantically rescheduling the backlog of games delayed by two days of rain in a singles tournament that should have finished yesterday.

Some of the British hopefuls were weeded out by teatime. Jeff Hunter slipped up against Chris Pridham, of Canada. At 7-8 *in the third set* he fell, pulled a muscle in his back, and lost 6-4, 6-7, 9-7.

Hunter was torn between life on the circuit and university. After four years' study and a degree, Hunter aims to improve his ranking from the mid-700s to 250 over two years, supported *by his father*. He knows he cannot cover his expenses until he ranks at least 350 on the computer.

Neil Broad knows the problem. He finally beat Nicola Bruno 7-6, 6-7, 7-5 in a match spread over 36 hours. He feels he can make his mark on the Davis Cup team provided he can improve his singles ranking, but is unsure whether he can afford to. "At the moment all my money comes from doubles, and it's tough to give that up," he said.

Boris Becker beat Todd Woodbridge, of Australia, 6-3, 7-5 in the match between Europe and the Rest of the World at Roehampton.

Masur too steady for Bates

WALLY Masur's one-man demolition of British tennis's aspiring and established talent continued unchecked in Didsbury yesterday (Ian Ross writes). Much to the chagrin of the Manchester public, the amiable Australian moved into the semi-finals of the Direct Line Insurance Open *by removing Jeremy Bates* from a tournament that many believed him to be capable of winning.

Unlike previous days, when his tennis had boasted both rhythm and authority, the British No 1 was not at his best during a 6-4, 6-3 defeat.

For Masur, the No 4 seed, it was another pleasing day of Pom bashing, having despatched Ross Matheson and Chris Wilkinson in quick succession on Wednesday.

Tempering Bates's obvious sense of disappointment was the belief that his game, often wayward and ill-disciplined in the past, was at last reaching a satisfactory level of consistency.

"I'm in good shape," he said. "Even though I have been beaten today, I would have to say that I've had a good week and that I am playing well. He saved more break points than I did, and that probably explains why he is at 21 in the rankings and I am at 121."

Bates was adamant that his last chance of staving off defeat disappeared, to all intents and purposes, after *Masur hit a volley that looked* out but was called in at 2-3 in the second set.

THE FORECAST

THUNDERER
2.10 Rose Glen. 2.40 Tajdif. 3.10 Qualitair Rhythm. 3.40 Boursin. 4.10 Missa Brevis. 4.40 Just Greenwich. 5.10 Darmstadt.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 NEWTON CLAIMING STAKES (£2,243: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

1 00/0 OPERATION WOLF 5 (D,F) N Tinkler 7-8-10 ..... N Connorton 11
2 50 BROWNED OFF 7 Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-6 ..... P Robinson 6
3 00-0 SEA PADDY 15 (D,F,S) R Basteon 5-9-6 ..... H Bastieon (7) 9
4 110- KASBAH QUEEN 247 (D,D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-5 S Carter 8
5 3000 COMMON COUNCIL 21 (F,S) M Hammond 4-9-4 J Marshall (7) 5
6 8-08 GREAT ORATION 7 F Watson 4-9-2 ..... A Clark 14
7 -205 EDGE OF DARKNESS 16 (D,G,S) J Hills 4-9-1 ... M Fenton (3) 2
8 00-5 INTO THE FUTURE 183 A Stringer 8-8-12 ..... T Williams 13
9 00-0 ROSE GLEN 43 (CD,F,G,S) A Bailey 7-8-11 ..... A Tucker 7
10 0-000 CYRILL HENRY 7 (V) M Dods 4-8-10 ..... J Lowe 12
11 000 GREY ANCONA 15 (V) D Tucker 4-8-10 ..... M Wood 11
12 -006 HASTA LA VISTA 13 M W Easterby 3-8-8 ..... T Lucas 8
13 00 RAOS ASSAYF 7 R Whitaker 3-8-4 ..... A Culhane 4
14 -440 WEAVER GEORGE 23 N Chamberlain 3-8-2 ... S Maloney (3) 10

15-8 Ragarn Queen, 9-2 Edge Of Darkness, 5-1 Common Council, 7-1 Rose Glen, 10-1 Browned Off, 16-1 Operation Wolf, Sea Paddy, 20-1 others.

2.40 MRS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,494: 7f) (9)

1 310 CHICKCHARBIE 31 (D,G) S Bowlby 8-7 ..... M Fenton (3) 1
2 0651 TAJDIF 6 (D,F,S) D Morley 5-6 (bar) ..... S Whitworth 7
3 6014 BIRCHWOOD SUN 8 (B,C,F,G,S) M Dods 9-2 ..... J Lowe 2
4 2256 BOLD THATCHER 20 P Harris 9-2 ..... G Hind 9
5 -042 HEART BROKEN 18 Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-13 ..... P Robinson 4
6 130- MONTORE 254 (G) C Booth 8-10 ..... A Culhane 3
7 -102 FIELD OF VISION 6 (D,F) M Johnston 8-6 ..... T Williams 5
8 2450 MR.BANK CHALLENGER 3 M H Easterby 8-5.. S Maloney (3) 8
9 00-0 MASTER PECKITT 23 S Kettlewell 7-7 ..... S Wood 6

3-1 Field Of Vision, 7-2 Bold Thatcher, 4-1 Tajdif, 5-1 Heart Broken, 8-1 Chickcharbie, 14-1 Birchwood Sun, 16-1 Montore, Millbank Challenger, 33-1 Master Peckitt.

3.10 BROTTON SEAFOODS CLAIMING STAKES (£2,898: 1m 6f 19yd) (4)

1 004/ COSMIC RAY 13J Mrs V Aconley 8-9-7 ..... J Lowe 1
2 3-42 STINGRAY CITY 15 (D,BF,S) J Etherington 4-9-3 ..... G Hind 2
3 3-33 WAJEES 16 B Hanbury 4-8-13 ..... P Robinson 3
4 3334 QUALITAIR RHYTHM 16 (V,E,S) I Campbell 5-8-6 Dale Gibson 4

4-5 Wajeeb, 3-1 Qualitair Rhythm, 7-2 Stingray City, 12-1 Cosmic Ray

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Harris, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33.3%; J Hills, 11 from 40, 27.5%; I Balding, 3 from 13, 23.1%; B Hanbury, 3 from 15, 20%; J Gosden, 10 from 53, 18.9%; D Morley, 5 from 36, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: S Whitworth, 3 winners from 15 rides, 20.0%; A Clark, 4 from 29, 13.8%; G Hind, 9 from 69, 13.0%; G Carter, 7 from 68, 10.3%; M Wood, 3 from 30, 10.0%. Only qualifiers.

3.40 SUTER HANDICAP (£5,174: 6f) (14)

1 21-0 PETITE-D-ARGENT 83 (D,F,S) Miss L Perratt 4-10-8 P Robinson 8
2 0500 FRIJAN 7 (CD,F) Mrs Barbara Waring 6-9-11 ..... S Maloney (3) 11
3 1304 PRESS GALLERY 10 (D,S) Mrs J Cecil 3-9-6 ..... A Clark 4
4 0182 METAL BOYS 7 (F,G) Miss L Siddall 5-9-5 ..... — 10
5 6063 SEA DEVIL 18 (CD,F,S) M Camacho 7-9-4 ..... N Connorton 3
6 240- FOOD OF LOVE 280 (F,G) J Wharton 5-9-2 ..... S Whitworth 13
7 000- EDUCATED PET 244 (D,F,G,S) M Johnston 4-8-12 T Williams 9
8 1005 PENNY HASSET 14 (D,F,G,S) M W Easterby 5-8-11 .. T Lucas 2
9 5-00 ABSOLUTION 9 (F,G,S) M Naughton 5-8-10 ..... J Lowe 1
10 50-4 HEAVEN-LEIGH-GREY 7 (F,G) J Berry 5-8-8 ..... G Carter 5
11 0543 BOURSIN 14 (C,F,G) P Calver 4-8-4 ..... Dale Gibson 12
12 -5230 FLASHYS SON 14 (CD,F,G) M Hammond 5-8-4 J Marshall (7) 6
13 0002 MACS MAHARANEE 13 (CD,BF,F,G) P Felgate 8-8-1 ... G Hind 7
14 -350 STATE FLYER 18 (V,D,G,S) G Oldroyd 5-7-13 .. G Fosser (7) 14.

100-30 Press Gallery, 7-2 Boursin, 5-1 Heaven-Leigh-Grey, 9-1 Metal Boys, 12-1 Petite-D-Argent, 14-1 Macs Maharanee, Sea Devil, 16-1 others.

4.10 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,106: 1m 3f) (11)

1 6012 RAGGERTY 17 (S) J Wainwright 9-7 ..... B Parkin (7) 9
2 400- WANZA 237 J Hanson 9-2 ..... E Johnson 4
3 -235 MISSA BREVE 25 J Watts 9-0 ..... P Robinson 11
4 6031 DUPLICATE 14 (G) M H Easterby 8-13 ..... S Maloney (3) 5
5 -441 YOUNG TESS 28 (S) Miss S Hall 8-11 ..... M Fenton (3) 8
6 0245 WOMADIC FIRE 28 (BF) D Morley 8-10 ..... S Whitworth 1
7 00-0 SILKY HEIGHTS 67 M Camacho 8-9 ..... N Connorton 6
8 50-0 DUKE OF DREAMS 28 Mrs M Reveley 8-8 ..... G Carter 10
9 4048 MERRY MERMAID 15 J Sullivan 8-0 ..... Dale Gibson 2
10 030 RICH ASSET 25 (B) C Booth 8-0 ..... T Williams 3
11 -040 SOCIAL VISION 30 (V) M Alston 7-10 ..... J Lowe 7

11-4 Duplicate, 7-2 Young Tess, 9-2 Missa Brève, 7-1 Duke Of Dreams, 9-1 Womadic Fire, 10-1 Raggerty, 12-1 Merry Mermaid, 16-1 others.

4.40 RNGS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,318: 5f) (8)

1 DOCTOR JAMES T Barron 9-0 ..... J Lowe 4
2 3 LUCIUS LOCKET 34 J Berry 9-0 ..... G Carter 3
3 TAKADOU Miss L Siddall 9-0 ..... P Robinson 7
4 08 CHILIOLA 23 M H Easterby 8-9 ..... S Maloney (3) 5
5 030 HOTCROFT 20 R Whitaker 8-9 ..... A Culhane 2
6 0244 JUST GREENWICH 13 T Mills 8-9 ..... N Gwilliams (5) 1
7 LADY SHERRY M W Easterby 8-9 ..... T Lucas 8
8 OAKLEY MANOR M Johnston 8-9 ..... T Williams 6

9-4 Lucius Locket, 5-2 Just Greenwich, 4-1 Oakley Manor, 11-2 Hotcroft, 8-1 Chiliola, 16-1 others.

5.10 GRINDALE RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,924: 1m 3f) (5)

1 -226 BEST APPEARANCE 18 Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0.. S Maloney (3) 5
2 -004 DARMSTADT 23 J Gosden 9-0 ..... G Hind 4
3 -602 HATTA RIVER 29 (B) W Haln 9-0 ..... A Clark 1
4 500 RISING WOLF 28 (B) C Wragg 9-0 ..... M Fenton (3) 2
5 0-33 TWO LUMPS 18 I Balding 9-0 ..... S O'Gorman 3

11-8 Darmstadt, 5-2 Two Lumps, 3-1 Hatta River, 5-1 Best Appearance, 16-1 Rising Wolf.

Mister Piste's timely win

MISTER Piste provided his owner, Ivan Straker, with the perfect 65th birthday present at Ripon yesterday. The colt, the first Flat horse to carry Straker's black and lilac colours, made all in the Leyburn Median Auction Stakes, beating the favourite, *Close To Reality*, by 2½ lengths. Mister Piste is trained at Ayr by Linda Perratt.

THE FORECAST

THUNDERER
6.45 Go Flightline. 7.15 Loblilo. 7.45 Danger Point. 8.15 Yfool. 8.45 Superoo. 9.15 Imaginary.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 9.15 Imaginary.

GOING: GOOD — SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

6.45 HISTON APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,655: 5f) (5 runners) SKY

1 5340 JET BOMBER 27 (D,F,S) D Chappone 9-7 ..... L Newton (3) 1
2 25-5 NEWBURY COAT 77 M McCormack 8-13 ..... C Hodgson 5
3 -023 JULIET BRAVO 16 (D,BF,F) J Renshaw 8-6 ..... N Varley (3) 2
4 0243 GO FLIGHTLINE 6 (V,D,S) M Bell 8-3 ..... J O'Dwyer (3) 3
5 -055 THE ORDINARY GIRL 18 T Caley 7-11 ..... D Wright 4

12-8 Juliet Bravo, 2-1 Go Flightline, 5-1 My Bonus, The Ordinary Girl, 10-1 Newbury Coat.

7.15 ANTIC INTERNATIONAL HANDICAP (£5,461: 1m 4f) (14) SKY

1 02-0 ZALGERON 20 (E,F) R Allotsont 4-10-0 ..... T Quinn 5
2 3302 GEORGE 28 B Wright 4-9-13 ..... Paul Eddery 12
3 6116 MISS PIPUP 207 (C,D,F,S) Pat Mitchell 4-9-12 ..... D Biggs 9
4 11-0 DISCORD 35 (D,F,G) Lord Huntingdon 7-9-10 ... D Harrison (5) 2
5 0123 WESTERN DYNASTY 18 (CD,BF,F,S,S) M Ryan 7-8-7 ..... P McCabe (7) 8
6 2300 LOBLIO 34 (B) C Brittain 4-8-5 ..... M Roberts 11
7 0-55 SATIN DANCER 27 (G) E Haviland 5-8-1 ..... K Darley 6
8 -205 ROSSILL 7 (D,F,S) M Tompkins 7-8-1 ..... P Robinson 4
9 -242 SOUL EMPEROR 8 (B) M Bell 3-8-0 ..... A Munro 13
10 2-01 BIT ON THE SIDE 21 (D,E,S) W Musson 4-8-1 ..... Pat Eddery 1
11 -056 MY PATRIARCH 17 J Dunlop 5-8-13 ..... W Carson 7
12 0-10 SEEK THE PEARL 55 (F) J Renshaw 3-8-10 ..... G Duffield 10
13 6-13 BIG PAT 7 (D,F) J Pearce 4-8-7 ..... L Dettori 14
14 -132 CHAPPUCCI 17 (V,D,S) M Jarvis 3-7-13 ..... G Carter 3

4-1 Deduce, 5-1 Miss Pip Op, 6-1 Discord, Big Pat, 8-1 Satin Dancer, 10-1 Western Dynasty, Bit On The Side, 12-1 Loblio, 14-1 others.

7.45 VIDEOFAX MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: 6f: £3,915) (11) SKY

1 ALIASES C Brittain 9-0 ..... W R Swinburn 4
2 34 ARGO 21 G Bravery 9-0 ..... W Carson 9
3 9 CHIEF EXECUTIVE 39 N Callaghan 9-0 ..... M Roberts 3
4 2 DANBER POINT 14 R Hannon 9-0 ..... A Munro 7
5 23 FAST EDDY 17 D Loder 9-0 ..... L Dettori 11
6 LONE RISK C Allen 9-0 ..... W Ryan 6
7 6025 MARCH OF TIME 14 D Thom 9-0 ..... D Biggs 5
8 PERHAPS R Wright 9-0 ..... Paul Eddery 8
9 SARS BOOGIE R Wright 9-0 ..... G Duffield 1
10 3 WOODS VENTURE 18 S Woods 9-0 ..... W Woods 10
11 6 THE MULTIYORKER 24 M Tompkins 8-9 ..... P Robinson 2

9-4 Fast Eddy, 5-2 Ginger Punk, 7-1 Sars Boogie, 8-1 Aliases, 10-1 Perhaps, 14-1 Argo, 16-1 Woods Venture, The Multiyorker, 33-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 66 winners from 301 runners, 21.9%; M Stoute, 50 from 265, 18.9%; J Gosden, 37 from 209, 17.7%; J Pearce, 14 from 79, 17.7%; L Cumani, 51 from 307, 16.6%; J Wharton, 7 from 46, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: N Varley, 4 winners from 11 rides, 36.4%; Pat Eddery, 78 from 495, 17.9%; W R Swinburn, 58 from 351, 16.5%; W Carson, 77 from 497, 15.5%; L Dettori, 53 from 391, 13.6%; M Roberts, 60 from 491, 12.2%.

8.15 CHEVINGTON CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,262: 1m) (14)

1 8200 WAHEM 15 (D,F) C Brittain 9-4 ..... M Roberts 3
2 0 O SO NEET M Tompkins 9-0 ..... P Robinson 2
3 0-06 OUR SHADEE 17 (B) K Ivory 8-12 ..... M Wigham 11
4 346- SABO'S EXPRESS 255 (B) R Williams 8-10 ..... R Cochrane 4
5 0-03 YFOOL 9 J Renshaw 8-8 ..... W R Swinburn 5
6 5-40 ADMIRARS 24 G Pritchard-Gordon 8-5 ..... W Carson 13
7 4000 ASCOM PASER 100 P Howling 8-5 ..... Paul Eddery 14
8 -524 RUBY COOPER 23 (G) J Wharton 8-5 ..... K Darley 12
9 0 SALLY OF THE ALLEY 8 J Sutcliffe 8-5 ..... B Russell (7) 9
10 3221 SILENT EXPRESSION 8 (F) D Morris 8-5 ..... C Hodgson (5) 10
11 0-0 IMPERIAL FORTE 20 R Williams 8-3 ..... Sarah Thompson (7) 6
12 4040 EASTERN GLOW 18 S Woods 8-1 ..... W Woods 7
13 40-4 STRIKE-A-POSE 18 (F,G) C Williams 8-1 ..... D Harrison (5) 1
14 50 CAUGHT REDHANDED 10 R Williams 7-13 ..... D Biggs 8

15-8 Yfool, 11-4 Silent Expression, 7-1 O So Neat, 8-1 Wahem, 12-1 Sabo's Express, Admirars, 14-1 Strike-A-Pose, 16-1 Sally Of The Alley, 33-1 others.

8.45 KIDSONS IMPEY HANDICAP (£5,754: 7f) (17)

1 3404 EURO FESTIVAL 13 (D,F,S) Miss L Siddall 4-10-0 P Robinson 7
2 -334 HERORA 13 (F,G) H Cowan 4-9-12 ..... A McGlone 12
3 0692 SATRAP 605 (D,F) C Brooks 5-9-11 ..... R Cochrane 14
4 0021 HIGHLAND MAGIC 8 (D,S,S) M Fetherston-Godley 5-9-7 (5ex) ..... D Harrison (5) 5
5 5332 EN ATTENDANT 18 (D,F,G) B Hanbury 5-8-6 ..... L Piggott 16
6 00-3 SYLVAN 7 (F,G) C Mill 4-8-3 ..... W R Swinburn 8
7 /46- BRAVURA 400 W Haggas 4-8-3 ..... N Day 17
8 -000 CONFRONTER 34 (D,S,S) S Dow 4-8-0 ..... T Quinn 3
9 -006 MISS HAGGIS 18 (CD,F,G) R Boss 4-8-12 ..... Pat Eddery 6
10 2-50 AMADEUS AES 28 (V,D,F) D Morris 4-8-12 ... C Hodgson (5) 9
11 010- SET TABLE 258 (D,S) J Gosden 4-8-10 ..... M Roberts 4
12 -000 SUPERDO 26 (CD,F,G) J Sutcliffe 7-8-7 ..... L Dettori 13
13 0242 RISE UP SINGING 9 (B,CD,F,G,S) W Musson 5-8-6 W Carson 1
14 40-5 BALLERINA BAY 16 (V,D,F,G) O Thom 5-8-3 ..... G Duffield 2
15 4205 HOPEFUL BID 22 (B,D,F) R Hannon 4-8-2 ..... K Darley 15
16 0-04 ANNABELLE ROYALE 28 (D,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-8-1 ..... A Munro 11
17 5100 RURAL LAD 6 (D,F,G,S) R Spicer 4-7-13 ..... D Wright (7) 10

13-2 Superoo, 7-1 Highland Magic, 8-1 En Attendant, 10-1 Set Table, Sylvan, Rise Up Singing, 12-1 Annabelle Royale, Herora, Hopeful Bid, 14-1 others.

9.15 GAZELEY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,012: 1m 2f) (17)

1 ADIB A Stewart 9-0 ..... W Carson 1
2 08 BEDEVIL 17 Mrs J Cecil 9-0 ..... L Dettori 16
3 COMFORTABLE M Tompkins 9-0 ..... P Robinson 17
4 6 MARKETING MAN 27 Pat Mitchell 9-0 ..... G Fosser (7) 2
5 0 MR BEAN 27 W Jarvis 9-0 ..... D Harrison (5) 12
6 MUTHANIB A Stewart 9-0 ..... R Hills 13
7 00 RUN TO AU BON 28 L Cumani 9-0 ..... Michael Dineen (7) 3
8 RUSSIAN EMPIRE M Stoute 9-0 ..... P D'Arcy 9
9 00 HOPEFUL PROSPECT 36 A Hide 8-9 ..... K Darley 15
10 2- IMAGINARY 249 H Cecil 8-9 ..... Pat Eddery 8
11 KITHANGA L Cumani 8-9 ..... C Hodgson (5) 14
12 MAMARA REEF L Cumani 8-9 ..... R Cochrane 5
13 MIDNIGHT POSTCARD H Cecil 8-9 ..... W Ryan 4
14 PEACHES POLLY M Wright 8-9 ..... G Duffield 7
15 ROYAL BALLET H Cecil 8-9 ..... A McGlone 10
16 SHIP'S TWINE Mrs J Cecil 8-9 ..... Paul Eddery 11
17 WARRABE L Cumani 8-9 ..... Jo Hunnam (7) 18

9-4 Imaginary, 4-1 Adib, Mamara Reef, 6-1 Peaches Polly, Midnight Postcard, 8-1 Bedevil, 12-1 Muthanib, Royal Ballet, Ship's Twine, Russian Empire, 33-1 others.

☐ Planetary Aspect, who finished twelfth in the Derby, has been sold by Robert Sangster to race in Saudi Arabia.

☐ The attendance for yesterday's Gold Cup day at Royal Ascot was 68,111 — a drop of 3,107 on last year's total.

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Piggott and O'Brien rekindle glorious Royal Ascot memories

College Chapel plays to gallery

By Julian Muscat



JULIAN HERBERT

Striding out: Learmont, strongly ridden by John Carroll, wins the King George V Handicap yesterday

IT TAKES something out of the ordinary to lift the spirit at Royal Ascot, where each and every winner is generously acknowledged. Only rarely is the gallery fused in spontaneous joy: it was yesterday when Vincent O'Brien and Lester Piggott renewed their famed association to lift the Cork and Orrery Stakes with College Chapel.

Both old masters gave a virtuoso performance: O'Brien in honing an inexperienced horse to dismiss a field of richly-seasoned sprinters; Piggott in producing the colt with his customary late dash for his 116th victory at this meeting.

O'Brien's role in enticing Piggott back from retirement has been well documented. The Irish handler gave his former stable jockey the big winner he needed when Royal Academy took the Breeders' Cup Mile in 1990. Now the need was of a different kind, for the death of Piggott's father, Keith, on Monday night, weighed heavily on the jockey's slender frame.

Yet again it was O'Brien who supplied the perfect tonic. "There would have been no-one more pleased than Lester's father, were he with us today," the trainer reflected on his first Royal Ascot winner since Bluebird won the King's Stand Stakes six years ago.

It was in 1952 that O'Brien first bestrode the winner's enclosure at this fixture when Malka's Boy won the Wokingham Handicap. There have been 24 others since then, including six in 1975, yet few can have given him greater pleasure.

"It's the only time he's led in one of his horses since Nijinsky won the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes here in 1970," said his wife, Jacqueline, as O'Brien was cheered to the spot reserved for the winner.

Asked if he still felt the same thrill riding winners today as when he first started, Piggott's face broke into a full-blooded smile as he said: "I'm afraid to say, yes. But this was marvellous for both of us. It's something to come here against experienced horses and beat them."

Piggott also eloquently summed up his father's profound influence on his life when he said: "It is he who put me where I am today. That's what I have to thank him for."

The emotion of the moment simply added to the excitement of College Chapel's impressive victory. Content to settle in rear early, Piggott quickly identified Michael Roberts, aboard Keen Hunter, as his most potent rival, and pounced on that pair at the furlong pole.

The two raced head to head for a hundred yards before College Chapel stamped his quality and drew away for a one-length verdict. The three-year-old is now unbeaten in three starts, all in group three company, and O'Brien may supplement him to tackle Zafonic in the July Cup.

"The entries for that race closed before College Chapel had ever run," O'Brien said of the son of Sharpo, a rare 52,000 guineas yearling purchase who suffered minor physical problems as a juvenile. The merit of this victory was further underlined when the Ballydoyle resident reminded us that College Chapel is one of only three three-year-olds in his stable. Fatherland is another, but working College Chapel with any of his stable companions must pose something of a problem.

Until recently, it would have been Robert Sangster's silks that would have swept to victory on College Chapel, but Sangster is not doing too badly through his support of Peter Chapple-Hyam. A juvenile double, with Turtle Island and State Performer, brought Sangster's winning haul to four in three days.

Drum Taps in line for bold Melbourne Cup challenge

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

DRUM Taps could become the first British-trained runner in the Melbourne Cup after putting up the best performance of his career to win the Ascot Gold Cup yesterday for the second successive year.

However, his trip to Australia hinges on a visit to Britain next week by officials from the Victoria Racing Club (VRC). David Bourke and Les Benton, chairman and racing secretary of the VRC, will meet Lord Huntingdon, the trainer of Drum Taps, in an attempt to arrange suitable training and quarantine arrangements for the seven-year-old.

"There are no training facilities in quarantine at Melbourne which makes life difficult," the West Ilsley trainer explained. But the participation of the Gold Cup winner in Australia's most important race would be a fresh challenge for the much-travelled Drum Taps, who has now won 14 of his 23 starts in the United States, Italy and Britain.

Yet his participation in yesterday's stamina test was in question until an early-morning telephone call had been made to his owner, Yoshio Asakawa, in Japan. "I put the cards on the table and said that he was not as good a horse on this holding ground and we had been beaten on it twice before," Lord Huntingdon said.

"Fortunately, he said he had kept the horse in training to have another try for the Gold Cup and he would love to have a crack at it. I was beginning to get cold feet, so I am delighted he took the decision."

Although the testing ground may not have been ideal, the way the race developed played into Drum Taps' hands. Sought Out, at her best when allowed to dominate a race, was taken on from the start by Allegan and the 15-8 favourite was a spent force as the field entered the final half-mile.

Assessor led briefly turning for home, but Frankie Dettori, rider of Drum Taps, was unruffled. "I kept something up my sleeve when Richard Quinn and Assessor came on my inside two furlongs out. I battled on to the furlong pole and asked Drum Taps for a last effort."

A lazy horse at home, Drum Taps is a professional on the racecourse, particularly at Ascot, where he may attempt to gain his fifth course victory in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes.

Thawakib has suffered her share of problems, which had kept her off the course for nine weeks, and her Ribblesdale Stakes win was a fine training performance by John Dunlop.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

ROYAL ASCOT

BBC1

2.30: There is no outstanding candidate among the home-trained contingent, none of whom will have encountered ground like this. **The Puzzler**, a Sharpo gelding, should love this going, won impressively at the Curragh last time and is trained by Michael Kauntze, whose runners in Britain rarely return empty handed.

3.05: **Red Bishop** is an obvious favourite having beaten Highland Dress and Sapience at Sandown in the Brigadier Gerard Stakes. John Gosden's improving five-year-old holds the soft-ground specialist Garden Of Heaven on Cumberland Lodge Stakes running, and won on the soft here last year.

3.45: The pace in the race is likely to come from horses drawn towards the middle. Sir Harry Hardman, who ran creditably in group company last season, has returned to form but does better in smaller fields. Nagida was unlucky last time behind Everglades, who may not appreciate today's conditions. In a wide-open race **Chili Heights** can run well at a big price. He won a well-contested nursery in the mud at Newbury last year and has gradually been returning to form.

BBC2

4.20: Despite the presence of Lyric Fantasy, **Wolfhound** represents an outstanding bet. A group one winner last year, John Gosden's sprinter ran a cracking race behind Paris House at Sandown on his debut when giving weight away all round. He won the Diadem Stakes here last September with cut in the ground and will take all the beating.

Richard Evans

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ROYAL ASCOT

THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
2.30 Jade Pet	2.30 The Puzzler
3.05 Sapience	3.05 Red Bishop
3.45 Arabellajill	3.45 CHILI HEIGHTS (nap)
4.20 WOLFHOUND (nap)	4.20 Wolfhound (next best)
4.55 Digpast	4.55 Mujaazafah
5.30 Encore Une Fois	5.30 Sweet Glow

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.05 Red Bishop. 4.20 WOLFHOUND (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.20 WOLFHOUND.

GOING: SOFT DRAW: 5F-1M STR, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.30 WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES BBC1
(2-Y-O: £18,745: 5f) (13 runners)

101 (13) 31 THE PUZZLER 34 (D,G) (Lady Richard Wellesley) M Kauntze (Ire) 9-3 W J O'Connor [circled]
102 (6) 1 BANDON CASTLE 85 (D,F) (Ristes Racing Partnership) B Rothwell 8-13 D Harrison 85
103 (4) 012 BID FOR BLUE 21 (D,F) (D Thompson) R Hannon 8-12 L Piggott 91
104 (10) 214 MONTAYA 18 (D,S) (A Lefowich) J Troy 8-13 W R Swinburn 90
105 (5) 21 ROYAL INSIGNIA 8 (D,S) (F Salman) M Bell 8-13 A Munro 85
106 (1) 1 ROXANIAN 13 (D,F) (Mrs E Mitchell) M Heaton-Ellis 8-13 M J Kinane 88
107 (11) 2 ARZ 18 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 R Hills 81
108 (3) PAPAGAYOS (Cardechart Ltd) C Brittain 8-11 W Carson —
109 (12) 32 SHEPHERD MARKET 14 (BF) (H Hart) R Armstrong 8-11 M Hills 88
110 (9) 1 EVENING FALLS 14 (D,G) (Mrs C Welch) J Spearing 8-8 K Darley 81
111 (8) 541413 IMPERIAL BAILIWICK 9 (D,F) (J Sheridan) M Usher 8-8 N Adams 81
112 (2) 1 GREAT DEEDS 10 (F) (Dubai Racing Syndicate) M Channon 8-8 T Quinn 86
113 (7) 233 JADE PET 35 (G Greenwood) R Hannon 8-8 J Reid 93

BETTING: 9-4 The Puzzler, 7-1 Arz, Great Deeds, Royal Insignia, 8-1 Roxanian, 12-1 Bid For Blue, Jade Pet, Montaya, 16-1 Bandon Castle, 20-1 Evening Falls, Shepherd Market. 25-1 others.

1992: SATANK 8-13 Pat Eddery (7-1) J Watts 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

THE PUZZLER beat Corrado 3l in a 7-runner listed race at the Curragh (5f, yielding). BANDON CASTLE beat Indian Dreamer 3½l in an 11-runner conditions race at Doncaster (5f, good to firm). BID FOR BLUE head 2nd of 4 to High Domain in a conditions race at Salisbury (5f, good to soft). ROYAL INSIGNIA beat Testmaller 2½l in a 6-runner maiden at Hamilton (5f, soft).

ROXANIAN beat Canasta Dancer short-head in a 10-runner maiden at Epsom (5f, good to firm). EVENING FALLS beat Certificate-X 2l in a 6-runner maiden at Catterick (5f, good). GREAT DEEDS beat Hankypankymank 2l in a 15-runner maiden auction race at Salisbury (6f, good to firm).
Selection: THE PUZZLER

3.05 HARDWICKE STAKES BBC1
(Group II: £56,700: 1m 4f) (5 runners)

201 (3) 131-040 GARDEN OF HEAVEN 15 (D,G,S) (B Vask) C Brittain 4-8-12 W Carson 96
202 (2) 2350-84 SAPIENCE 17 (D,F,G) (W O'Gorman) D Elsworth 7-8-12 Pat Eddery 94
203 (5) 144-12 HIGHLAND DRESS 17 (F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 4-8-9 C Asmussen 93
204 (4) 2012-33 JEUNE 31 (BF,F,G) (Exors of Sir Robin McAlpine) G Wragg 4-8-9 R Cochrane [circled]
205 (1) 2220-11 RED BISHOP 17 (C,F,G,S) (A Saeed) J Gosden 5-8-9 M Roberts 98

BETTING: 7-4 Red Bishop, 3-1 Jeune, 4-1 Highland Dress, Sapience, 10-1 Garden Of Heaven.

1992: ROCK HOPPER 5-8-12 Pat Eddery (8-15 fav) M Stoute 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

GARDEN OF HEAVEN 5¾l 4th of 7 to George Augustus in group II Tattersalls Gold Cup at the Curragh (1m 2f, yielding) on penultimate start. HIGHLAND DRESS beat Source Of Light comfortable 5l in a 6-runner conditions race at Bath (1m 5f 144yd, firm) on penultimate start. JEUNE 2¼l 3rd of 8 to Zinaad in group II Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket (1m 4f, good) on penultimate start with

GARDEN OF HEAVEN (same terms) 8¾l 7th. RED BISHOP beat HIGHLAND DRESS (same terms) ¾l in 5-runner group III Brigadier Gerard Stakes at Sandown (1m 2f, firm) with SAPIENCE (2lb better off) ¾l 4th. Previously beat Bobzao neck in a 5-runner listed race at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm) with JEUNE (3lb better off) ¾l 3rd.
Selection: JEUNE

3.45 WOKINGHAM HANDICAP (£39,640: 6f) (30 runners) BBC1

301 (15) 0840-30 SIZZLING SAGA 7 (D,F,G) (J Abell) J Wharton 5-9-12 C Asmussen 90
302 (30) 56-0112 BRANSTON ABBY 27 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Abell) M Johnston 4-9-12 M Roberts 93
303 (27) 310-001 GONE SAVAGE 7 (F,G,S) W Musson 5-9-9 (7ex) W R Swinburn 81
304 (16) 2141- WATHIK 288 (D,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-9-8 R Hills 80
305 (20) 500-251 MASSIBA 20 (D,F,G,S) (P Salesbury) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-8 (7ex) D McCabe (7) 92
306 (29) 423040 HARD TO FIGURE 20 (D,F,G,S) (J Mursell) R Hodges 7-9-7 W Carson 91
307 (5) 00-6004 MASTER PLANNER 27 (D,F,G) (A Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-4 T Quinn 93
308 (24) 653200 BEWARE OF AGENTS 8 (D,F,S) (B Yeardley Ltd) M Johnston 4-9-3 Dean McKeown 89
309 (9) 1100-00 ASHTINA 16 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Joyner) R Hodges 8-9-3 A Munro 92
310 (3) 50-6402 TERRHARS 18 (F,G) (H Bardwood) M Heaton-Ellis 5-9-2 R Perham 95
311 (18) 16000-6 ARABELLAJILL 20 (D,F,G) (Ms J Cash) R Hannon 4-9-2 L Dettori 87
312 (6) 02-1022 SIR HARRY HARDMAN 7 (D,G,S) (P Hobbs) F Lee 5-8-2 B Raymond [circled]
313 (7) 00-1410 AMRON 27 (D,F,G,S) (R Peebles) J Berry 6-9-1 N Carlisle 91
314 (28) 300003- CANTORIS 223 (C,F,G) (G Crane) R Williams 7-8-13 R Cochrane 90
315 (12) 40-0363 CUMBRIAN WALTZER 17 (C,D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 8-8-13 M Birch 94
316 (2) 1052-60 ECHO-LOGICAL 51 (B,F,G) (P Savill) R Hannon 4-8-12 K Darley 91
317 (25) 05101-1 EVERGLADES 34 (D,F,G) (Miss S Oppenheimer) R Charlton 5-8-12 Pat Eddery 94
318 (26) 5-21205 SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 18 (D,S) (A Collins) J Watts 5-8-12 G Duffield 90
319 (13) 2030-00 BERTIE WOOSTER 19 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs A Rowling) P Murphy 10-8-11 L Piggott 88
320 (23) 30-4205 PLAIN FACT 7 (D,F,G,S) (C Wright) J Hills 8-8-11 M Hills 89
321 (4) 6320-63 NAGIDA 34 (D,G,S) (Miss U Toller) J Toller 4-8-10 J Weaver (3) 93
322 (21) 4220-10 MOROCCO 10 (D,F,S) (M Myers) R Charlton 4-8-10 (10ex) Stephen Davies (5) 88
323 (1) 0-39305 AUGHFAD 14 (V,D,F,G,S) (M MacCarthy) T Casey 7-8-9 J Reid 96
324 (17) 30-5300 ALLTHRUTHENIGHT 21 (G) (S Steinberg) L Holt 4-8-8 W Newnes 84
325 (19) 33-0306 DENSBEN 34 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Pile) Denys Smith 9-8-8 K Fallon 95
326 (14) 0-11554 GORINSKY 14 (D,F,G,S) (W Robertson) J Berry 5-8-6 J Carroll 90
327 (11) 00-0101 LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 21 (F,S) (E Young) M Heaton-Ellis 5-8-3 (7ex) Paul Eddery 98
328 (8) 001223- MACFARLANE 7 (G,S) (P Fetherston-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 5-8-1 F Norton 94
329 (22) 33-1351 BLUE TOPAZE 13 (D,F,G,S) (M Saunders) M Saunders 5-8-1 (7ex) J Williams 92
330 (10) 614-003 CHILI HEIGHTS 10 (D,S) (B Attenborough) G Balding 3-8-0 D Biggs 91

BETTING: 10-1 Branston Abby, 12-1 Sir Harry Hardman, 14-1 Amron, Everglades, Lord High Admiral, Nagida, 16-1 Chili Heights, Cumbrian Waltzer, Echo-Logical, 20-1 Ashtina, Hard To Figure, Macfarlane, 25-1 others.

1992: RED ROSEIN 6-8-1 G Carter (33-1) J Wilson 29 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRANSTON ABBY head 2nd of 9 to Pips Pride in a listed race at Lingfield (6f, good to soft). Previously beat Duplicity neck in a 14-runner handicap at York (6f, good to soft) with MASSIBA (2lb worse off) 3¾l 5th, CUMBRIAN WALTZER (7lb better off) 1 8th, MASTER PLANNER 9th, SIR HARRY HARDMAN 9th and HARD TO FIGURE 13th. MASSIBA beat Paddy Chalk head in a 16-runner handicap at Kempton (6f, good) with ARABELLAJILL (7lb better off) 3¾l 6th, BERTIE WOOSTER 10th, CHILI HEIGHTS 11th, TERRHARS 12th, AUGHFAD 13th and HARD TO FIGURE 17th. TERRHARS 1½l 2nd of 13 to B

Yasel in a listed handicap at Epsom (6f, good) with ASHTINA (1lb worse off) 6l 11th. SIR HARRY HARDMAN 1½l 2nd of 12 to Dominuet in a handicap at York (6f, good to soft) with SIZZLING SAGA (4lb worse off) 6¾l 7th. EVERGLADES beat MACFARLANE (1lb better off) short-head in a 21-runner handicap at Newbury (6f, good) with NAGIDA (1lb better off) head 3rd and CHILI HEIGHTS 7th. LORD HIGH ADMIRAL beat Dominuet 1l in an 8-runner handicap at Haydock (5f, soft) with ALLTHRUTHENIGHT 8th.
Selection: BRANSTON ABBY

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.20 KING'S STAND STAKES BBC2
(Group II: £60,361: 5f) (8 runners)

401 (1) 484135- ELBIO 280 (V,CD,F,G,S) (B Brackpool) P Makin 6-9-3 W R Swinburn 86
402 (6) 0000-21 EL YASAF 16 (D,G,S) (J Naughton) T Naughton 5-9-3 C Asmussen 79
403 (2) 1115-00 FREDDIE LLOYD 36 (D,F,G,S) (M Hill) N Callaghan 4-9-3 J Reid 81
404 (5) 5060-11 PARIS HOUSE 18 (D,F,G,S) (P Chandler) J Berry 4-9-3 J Carroll 97
405 (8) 63111-2 WOLFHOUND 18 (C,D,F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-3 M Roberts [circled]
406 (3) 130-660 BUNTY BOO 16 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Mayall) B McMahon 4-9-0 T Quinn 75
407 (7) 133-431 SURPRISE OFFER 15 (B,D,G,S) (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 3-8-10 B Raymond 91
408 (4) 1112-61 LYRIC FANTASY 27 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Magnier) R Hannon 3-8-7 Pat Eddery 91

BETTING: 5-4 Wolfhound, 3-1 Lyric Fantasy, Paris House, 12-1 Surprise Offer, 14-1 Elbio, 33-1 El Yasaf, 50-1 Freddie Lloyd, 100-1 Bunty Boo.

1992: SHEIKH ALBADOU 4-9-3 W R Swinburn (7-2) A Scott 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELBIO beat Tsaleej 1l in 9-runner group II Jacobs Goldene Peitsche at Baden-Baden (6f, soft) in September. EL YASAF beat Tenfars 1½l in a 13-runner listed handicap at Epsom (5f, good) with BUNTY BOO (9lb better off) 3l 7th. PARIS HOUSE beat WOLFHOUND (3lb better off) head in 10-runner group II UB Group Temple Stakes at Sandown (5f, good to firm).

WOLFHOUND beat Silicon Bavaria neck in 8-runner group I Prix de la Foret at Longchamp (7f, soft) in October. SURPRISE OFFER beat Monde Bleu short-head in 6-runner group II Prix du Gros Chene at Chantilly (5f, soft). LYRIC FANTASY beat Mithl Al Hawa ¾l in a 6-runner listed race at Newmarket (6f, good).
Selection: WOLFHOUND (nap)

4.55 BRITANNIA HANDICAP
(3-Y-O colts & geldings: £22,337: 1m str) (25 runners)

501 (21) 336-160 COLOUR PARTY 2 (B,D,G) (C G-St Lawrence) M Kauntze (Ire) 9-7 W J O'Connor 87
502 (23) 2301-10 EASY ACCESS 36 (BF,G) (N Ahamad) R Hannon 8-11 L Dettori 93
503 (9) 124-141 RIBHI 13 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) D Morley 8-11 W Carson 97
504 (4) 031-002 CONEYBURY 20 (G) (R Sangster) L Cumani 8-10 R Cochrane 94
505 (19) 10-0421 BRIGANTE DI CIELO 27 (C,G,S) (P Chesley) R Hannon 8-10 T Quinn 94
506 (7) 144 YAQTHAN 21 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-10 R Hills 94
507 (24) 04-3415 MOORISH 13 (D,BF,S) (F Salman) P Cole 8-10 T G McLaughlin (7) [circled]
508 (2) 0-310 ROBLEU 18 (G) (G Harwood) G Harwood 8-9 Gaye Harwood (7) 88
509 (10) 3-16342 EMBANKMENT 16 (D,F) (Lady Tennant) R Hannon 8-9 W R Swinburn 93
510 (15) 1243- GYMCRAK TIGER 244 (G) (Gymcrak Racing Club) M H Easterby 8-9 K Darley 89
511 (8) 31-304 NORFOLK HERO 8 (G) (Lady D Watts) D Murray Smith 8-8 C Rutter 96
512 (6) 441 MECKLENBURG 39 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-7 W Ryan 93
513 (16) 40-21 WALI 20 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-6 M Hills 95
514 (17) 414541 WOODHAUNTER 71 (F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) R Conway (UAE) 8-5 J Carroll 91
515 (12) 23-2 MUJAAZAFAH 20 (BF) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 8-4 M Roberts 89
516 (25) 43-2 GREEN KILT 60 (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 8-4 A Munro 90
517 (1) 5521 SHARAAR 20 (G) (A Al Jafleh) W Haggas 8-3 Paul Eddery 90
518 (20) 4302-21 SHOW FAITH 27 (D,G) (J Wright) R Hannon 8-2 Pat Eddery 98
519 (14) 35-4534 ERTLON 20 (L Gaucci) C Brittain 8-1 B Doyle (3) 98
520 (3) 111212 JUST YOU DARE 18 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs D Thompson) M Prescott 8-1 G Duffield 95
521 (18) 5160-34 HADEER'S DANCE 6 (F) (K Dasmal) R Armstrong 8-1 R Price 92
522 (13) 5006-66 DIGPAST 13 (G) (Sir Eric Parker) R Akehurst 8-0 D Harrison (3) 97
523 (22) 04-52 BEAUCHAMP HERO 18 (E Penser) J Dunlop 7-13 N Carlisle 91
524 (5) 2-5041 KASSBAAN 18 (F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 7-9 J Quinn 95
525 (11) 1-41408 ABERDEEN HEATHER 14 (D,G) (Major H Cayzer) D Elsworth 7-9 D Wright (7) 93

BETTING: 9-1 Ribhi, 10-1 Mujaazafah, Show Faith, 12-1 Moorish, 14-1 Mecklenburg, Wali, 16-1 Brigante Di Cielo; Coneybury, Digpast, Embankment, Gymcrak Tiger, Just You Dare, 20-1 others.

1992: EFHARISTO 8-0 M Roberts (14-1) C Brittain 23 ran

FORM FOCUS

RIBHI beat Fortfaella 2½l in a 10-runner handicap at Epsom (1m 110yd, good to firm) with DIGPAST (11lb better off) 6½l 6th. BRIGANTE DI CIELO beat Top Cees head in a 13-runner handicap at Lingfield (1m 2f, good to soft) with NORFOLK HERO (8lb better off) 4l 13th. MOORISH beat CONEYBURY (6lb better off) 5l in a 13-runner handicap at Haydock (1m, soft) on penultimate start with ERTLON (9lb better off) 2¾l 4th. ROBLEU beat SHARAAR (6lb better off) 3l in a 9-runner maiden at Kempton (7f, good) on penultimate start.

EMBANKMENT neck 2nd of 9 to Northern Bird in a handicap at Epsom (7f, good). MECKLENBURG beat Mount Fuji head in a 6-runner maiden at Redcar (1m 2f, good). WALI beat Dancing Spirit 3l in a 4-runner maiden at Haydock (7f, soft). MUJAAZAFAH ¾l 2nd of 19 to Jetbeeah in a maiden at Kempton (1m, good). SHOW FAITH beat Lyphard's Delta 1½l in a 14-runner maiden at Newmarket (1m, good) with KASSBAAN (7lb better off) 4l 4th.
Selection: RIBHI

5.30 QUEEN ALEXANDRA STAKES (£16,570: 2m 6f 34yd) (14 runners)

601 (5) 46-1010 GOOD HAND 3 (F,G) (Mrs M Haggas) J Watts 7-9-4 M Birch 92
602 (4) 60-0410 REQUESTED 3 (C,F,G) (G Beedie) R Akehurst 6-9-3 T Quinn 79
603 (12) 313123 JACK BUTTON 3 (F,G,S) (A and B Racing) Bob Jones 4-9-2 N Day 98
604 (11) /000/ ACROW LINE 18J (F) (R Williams) D Burchell 8-9-0 Stephen Davies —
605 (8) 2320 BOKARO 3 (Lady Joseph) C Brooks 7-9-0 J Reid 83
606 (14) 225004 STAR PLAYER 3 (F,G) (P Smith) R Baker 7-9-0 Pat Eddery 94
607 (10) 600-050 STAR QUEST 20 (G,S) (D Morris) J Jenkins 6-9-0 K Darley 70
608 (9) 3413/ SWEET GLOW 52J (G) (Fairlod Confectioners Ltd) M Pipe 6-9-0 M Perrett
609 (13) 130-030 CURRENCY BASKET 15 (G) (P O'Leary) P O'Leary (Ire) 4-8-12 M J Kinane 97
610 (7) 4301-20 DARE TO DREAM 3 (B,F,S) (O Zawawi) P Hobbs 4-8-12 A McGlone 71
611 (6) 3-21321 RISZARD 10 (F,G,S) (H de Kwiatkowski) J Bolger (Ire) 4-8-12 C Roche [circled]
612 (2) 1100-15 ENCORE UNE FOIS 18 (F,G,S) (S & G Gutters) M Johnston 4-8-9 Dean McKeown 93
613 (1) 600850 INTRICACY 7 (G) (R Barnson) C C Elsey 5-8-8 M Roberts 90
614 (3) 1005-60 MISS PLUM 20 (G,S) (Lobayas Stud Ltd) D Loder 4-8-7 L Dettori 90

BETTING: 3-1 Riszard, 4-1 Jack Button, 11-2 Sweet Glow, 7-1 Star Player, 8-1 Encore Une Fois, 12-1 Good Hand, 14-1 Currency Basket, Miss Plum, 15-1 Bokaro, 20-1 Requested, 25-1 Acrow Line, 33-1 others.

1992: ROMANY RYE 4-8-2 W R Swinburn (3-1) G Wragg 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

GOOD HAND beat Snow Board head in an 11-runner handicap at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start with ENCORE UNE FOIS (7lb better off) 7¾l 5th and STAR PLAYER (5lb better off) 8l 8th. REQUESTED beat Secret Society 8l in a 9-runner handicap at Salisbury (1m 6l, firm) on penultimate start with STAR QUEST (6lb better off) 7l 5th. JACK BUTTON 4l 3rd of 23 to Balasani in a handicap here (2m 4f, good to soft) with STAR

PLAYER (4lb worse off) short-head 4th. GOOD HAND (1lb worse off) 11l 12th, BOKARO (5lb worse off) ¾l 13th, REQUESTED (8lb worse off) 9l 18th and DARE TO DREAM (23lb worse off) 11l 18th. RISZARD beat Debara 1¾l in an 18-runner conditions race at Leopardstown (1m 6l, good). ENCORE UNE FOIS beat Kaiser Wilhelm 1l in a 9-runner handicap at Thirsk (2m, soft).
Selection: ENCORE UNE FOIS

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	13	44	29.5	Pat Eddery	22	95	23.2
G Wragg	7	31	22.6	R Hills	4	29	13.8
Lord Huntingdon	3	14	21.4	W R Swinburn	9	68	13.2
J Dunlop	5	30	16.7	W Carson	8	78	10.3
P Cole	4	24	16.7				
H Thomson Jones	3	19	15.8	Only qualifiers			

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER
6.35 Crystal Reay. 7.05 Broughton's Port. 7.35 Blue Blazer. 8.05 Tropical Jungle. 8.35 Googly. 9.05 Coppermill Lad.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
DRAW: 7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.35 OCEAN FM MAIDEN STAKES SKY
(£3,523: 1m 2f) (10 runners)

1 44- FOREST STAR 311 Miss G Kelleway 4-9-10 J Weaver (3) 6
2 0 MAD CASANOVA 13 (B) R O'Sullivan 8-9-10 J Quinn 2
3 VILLAGE KID 221 P Hedger 4-9-10 C Avery 8
4 0 AUNT ADA 21 B Rowe 4-9-5 W Newnes 7
5 0 BOLD REINE 13 R Hodges 4-9-5 S Drowne (7) 9
6 0/ POPSI'S LEGACY 241J M Haynes 6-9-5 N Adams 10
7 3 MORSTOCK 20 R Hodges 3-8-12 J Williams 1
8 06 CHASE THE STARS 21 C Cyzer 3-8-7 K Fallon 4
9 63 CRYSTAL REAY 22 (BF) L Cumani 3-8-7 R Cochrane 3
10 02 MISS SHAGRA 27 M Stoute 3-8-7 B Raymond 5

15-8 Miss Shagra, 9-4 Crystal Reay, 3-1 Forest Star, 12-1 others.

7.05 FESTIVAL OF SPEED CLAIMING STAKES SKY
(3-Y-O: £2,856: 7f) (11)

1 53 BROUGHTON'S PORT 39 (BF) W Musson 8-11 D McCabe (7) 6
2 DOUBLE BOUNCE K Ivory 8-8 W Newnes 4
3 3306 NO EXTRAS 21 (G) G Moore 8-6 B Rouse 7
4 5-04 PERSIANSKY 27 B Hanbury 8-4 B Raymond 1
5 60 POCONO KNIGHT 27 M Madgwick 8-4 C Avery 11
6 DOUBLE DEALING R Simpson 8-2 G Rothwell (7) 3
7 0 KUTAN 43 R Simpson 8-2 A Tucker 2
8 50-0 LE COUTEAU 18 W Haggas 8-2 K Fallon 9
9 -500 COVEN MOON 36 (V) H Collingridge 7-13 J Quinn 5
10 0006 BONITA BEE 14 (B) L Holt 7-11 N Adams 10
11 0 INTERVIEW 43 T Jones 7-11 T Williams 8

5-2 Persiansky, 7-2 Broughton's Port, 4-1 No Extras, 11-2 Bonita Bee, 6-1 Le Couteau, 8-1 Coven Moon, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Wilson, 10 winners from 39 runners, 25.6%; L Cumani, 15 from 68, 22.1%; M Stoute, 16 from 79, 20.3%; H Collingridge, 4 from 23, 17.4%; R O'Sullivan, 5 from 31, 16.1%; J Hills, 9 from 60, 15.0%.

JOCKEYS: J Reid, 29 winners from 171 rides, 17.0%; B Raymond, 11 from 72, 15.3%; C Avery, 3 from 21, 14.3%; R Cochrane, 24 from 186, 12.9%; R Perham, 4 from 37, 10.8%. Only qualifiers.

7.35 SKY SPORTS HANDICAP SKY
(3-Y-O: £3,494: 1m) (6)

1 4025 PRINCELY FAVOUR 10 (S) R Hannon 9-7 B Rouse 5
2 -062 BLUE BLAZER 7 (D,BF,S) S Harbour 9-6 B Raymond 2
3 22-6 AUSTRAL JANE 23 G Harwood 8-12 J Reid 3
4 4000 SYLVANIA 2 M Heaton-Ellis 8-6 J Quinn 1
5 0-00 LOCHORE 13 R Ingram 7-10 A Tucker 4
6 0652 STARLIGHT ROSE 13 (V) C Horgan 7-7 T Williams 6

2-1 Blue Blazer, 7-2 Princely Favour, 4-1 Starlight Rose, 9-2 Austral Jane, 6-1 Sylvania, 8-1 Lochore.

8.05 KINCSEM CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O £2,611: 1m 4f) (5)

1 4502 TROPICAL JUNGLE 7 C Cyzer 9-0 K Fallon 4
2 5-45 GALACTIC FURY 14 B Stevens 9-7 J Williams 2
3 0 STRAIGHT APPROACH 23 J Hills 8-5 R Perham 1
4 0 SHE KNEW THE RULES 8 M Channon 8-0 C Rutter 5
5 006 SUMMER WIND 23 D Elsworth 8-0 B Doyle (3) 3

15-8 Tropical Jungle, 11-4 Galactic Fury, 4-1 Summer Wind, 11-2 She Knew The Rules, 7-1 Straight Approach.

8.35 KEREN HARRIS HANDICAP
(£3,552: 1m 2f) (10)

1 6-00 MOVE A MINUTE 34 D Elsworth 4-9-10 A Procter (5) 6
2 4406 BOOKCASE 18 (F,G,S) D Elsworth 6-9-3 J Williams 8
3 0-02 KNOWTH 21 (BF,G) R Akehurst 4-9-3 J Reid 5
4 0022 GOOGLY 6 (BF,G,S) W Wightman 4-9-3 G Bardwell 1
5 5032 SCOTTISH BAMBI 8 (D,F,G) R Hannon 5-9-0 R Perham 9
6 3-00 SANTANA LADY 17 (D,G) M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-12 W Newnes 10
7 1353 NATURAL LAD 7 (F,G) C Weedon 8-8-9 Stephen Davies (5) 2
8 3-10 MOLLY SPLASH 37 (G,S) C Cyzer 6-8-1 K Fallon 7
9 0401 ALBERT 7 (C,D,F,G,S) D Wilson 6-7-13 (6ex) D McCabe (7) 4
10 6423 NORDANSK 9 M Madgwick 4-7-8 C Avery 3

5-2 Googly, 3-1 Albert, 9-2 Scottish Bambi, 6-1 Natural Lad, 7-1 Nordansk, 8-1 Molly Splash, Bookcase, 10-1 others.

9.05 PRIORY PARK HANDICAP (£2,929: 6f) (9)

1 1042 SAMSOLOM 14 (F,G) P Howling 5-10-0 J Quinn 6
2 -560 FAY'S SONG 14 (D,BF,F,G) R Akehurst 5-9-10 L Carter (7) 2
3 0000 HARRY'S COMING 25 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 9-9-6 J Williams 9
4 0040 UNVEILED 13 (D,F,G) R Hodges 5-9-5 S Drowne (7) 3
5 0005- MR NEVERMIND 7 (B,F,G) G L Moore 3-9-4 B Rouse 1
6 0-04 CAROMISH 9 (C,D,F,G,S) M Usher 6-9-3 N Adams 4
7 0002 COPPERMILL LAD 7 (CD,F,S) L Holt 10-8-9 J Reid 5
8 0466 ZINBAQ 10 (D,F,G,S) C Benstead 7-8-1 T Williams 8
9 -000 ZHAAB 14 (B) M Madgwick 3-7-10 C Avery 7

11-4 Coppermill Lad, 7-2 Samsolom, Fay's Song, 5-1 Mr Nevermind, 6-1 Zinbaq, 8-1 Caromish, 10-1 Harry's Coming, 14-1 others.

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THUNDERER
2.15 Glidingonby. 2.50 Imperial Bid. 3.25 Hyde's Happy Hour. 4.00 Lake Poopo. 4.35 Wharfedale Music. 5.05 Langtonian.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 CUNNING PARK MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,285: 7f) (7 runners)

1 6065 BLASTER BATES 6 N Bycroft 9-0 D Nicholls 6
2 00 DIAMOND FRONTIER 13 J Berry 9-0 Emma O'Gorman (3) 1
3 62 DON PEPE 44 R Boss 9-0 M Tebbutt 5
4 465 GOLDEN STAR 20 T Fairhurst 9-0 J Fanning 7
5 0 KEZIO RUFO 47 P Kelleway 9-0 M Wigham 4
6 GLIDINGONBY B Hills 8-9 D Holland 2
7 003 TIMES ZANDO 18 J Wilson 8-9 J Fortune 3

11-10 Glidingonby, 4-1 Don Pepe, 11-2 Golden Star, 7-1 Times Zando, 8-1 Blaster Bates, 14-1 Diamond Frontier, 16-1 Kezio Rufo.

2.50 DALMILLING CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,601: 1m) (7)

1 -003 IMPERIAL BID 8 (F,G) Denys Smith 5-9-6 D Holland 3
2 5- SAOIRSE 28J D Moffatt 5-9-5 Darren Moffatt (5) 7
3 1042 GOLD SURPRISE 8 (S) S Kettlewell 4-9-4 J Fortune 2
4 -000 HAND ON HEART 8 (D,F,G) P Monteith 4-9-1 S D Williams (3) 1
5 0453 LOMBARD SHIPS 9 (B,D,F,G,S) A Bailey 6-8-9 W Hawksley (7)
6 430- HOD-MOD 398 A Bailey 3-7-12 A Mackay 5
7 1530 BARLEY CAKE 9 (F) T Fairhurst 3-7-11 J Fanning 4

2-1 Imperial Bid, 3-1 Barley Cake, 4-1 Lombard Ships, 5-1 Gold Surprise, 12-1 Saoirse, Hand On Heart, 16-1 Hod-Mod.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: B Hills, 15 winners from 40 runners, 37.5%; D Moffatt, 4 from 25, 16.0%; J Berry, 29 from 192, 15.1%; C Tinkler, 5 from 34, 14.7%; M Johnston, 6 from 48, 12.5%; M Naughton, 9 from 73, 12.3%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 10 winners from 31 rides, 32.3%; M Tebbutt, 4 from 20, 20.0%; J Fortune, 7 from 49, 14.3%; S Webster, 3 from 29, 10.3%. Only qualifiers.

3.25 BEN HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,736: 1m 2f) (6)

1 -124 SILVER STANDARD 10 (BF,S) J Watts 9-7 S Perks 2
2 2022 CERTAIN WAY 20 (G) C Tinkler 9-5 L Charnock 3
3 4232 CONTRACT ELITE 8 (S) C Thornton 9-3 A Mackay 1
4 0-62 HYDE'S HAPPY HOUR 46 N Tinkler 9-0 J Fortune 4
5 6206 DARING PAST 24 (V,D,G) R Boss 9-0 M Tebbutt 5
6 0-00 GREYSTYLE 17 M Brittain 7-12 J Fanning 6

9-4 Silver Standard, 3-1 Certain Way, 7-2 Contract Elite, 5-1 Hyde's Happy Hour, 10-1 Daring Past, 14-1 Greystyle.

4.00 MUCKHART INN MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,717: 1m 5f 13yd) (4)

1 CAROUSEL MAGIC M Hammond 9-0 S Perks 3
2 0-30 MARCO CLAUDIO 17 P Kelleway 9-0 M Wigham 2
3 -324 LAKE POOPO 23 B Hills 8-9 D Holland 4
4 346 SANTA STELLAR 20 M Johnston 8-9 J Fanning 1

8-15 Lake Poopo, 9-4 Santa Stellar, 13-2 Marco Claudio, 14-1 Carousel Magic.

4.35 SEAFIELD MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,399: 5f) (7)

1 2 FORT ERIE 11 (BF) J Bottomley 9-0 L Charnock 1
2 NORTHGATE SYMPHONY M Brittain 9-0 M Wigham 4
3 6 PARIS SYMPHONY 21 J Berry 9-0 J Fortune 5
4 262 CERTIFICATE-X 14 M Johnston 8-9 J Fanning 7
5 LEADING PRINCESS Miss L Perratt 8-9 D Holland 6
6 WELSH MIST R Boss 8-9 M Tebbutt 3
7 4 WHARFEDALE MUSIC 48 R Whitaker 8-9 A Mackay 2

5-2 Fort Erie, 4-1 Welsh Mist, Certificate-X, 5-1 Wharfedale Music, 9-1 Paris Symphony, 12-1 Northgate Symphony, 14-1 Leading Princess.

5.05 ROZELLE HANDICAP
(£2,745: 5f) (9)

1 2533 JUST BOB 2 (D,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 4-10-0 J Tate (7) 9
2 0-00 GEMINI FIRE 9 (D,F,G,S) M Naughton 9-9-11 J Fortune 5
3 4010 DIET 4 (V,C,D,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 7-9-11 (7ex) R Havlin (7) 4
4 1604 SO SUPERB 9 (B,CD,S) M Dods 4-9-8 S Webster 7
5 -300 LOFT BOY 22 (D,F,G,S) J Bethell 10-9-3 K Sked (7) 6
6 0006 BEST EFFORT 18 (D,F,S) M Naughton 7-8-13 V Halliday (7) 1
7 4032 LANGTONIAN 8 (B,BF,G) J Berry 4-8-13 Emma O'Gorman (3) 2
8 4100 BARBEZIEUX 14 (D,F,G,S) D Wilson 6-8-7 M Wigham 3
9 646/ BRAVE MELODY 715 (D,G,S) J Wilson 7-7-8 J Fanning 8

11-4 Just Bob, 7-2 Langtonian, 9-2 So Superb, 5-1 Diet, 13-2 Barbezieux, 6-1 Best Effort, 12-1 Loft Boy, 16-1 Gemini Fire, 25-1 Brave Melody.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Ascot

Going: soft

2.30 KING GEORGE V STAKES (Handicap 3-Y-O: £19,412: 1m 4f)
LEARMONT b c Lear Fan - Wistoral (Shaikh Mohammed) 8-8 J Carroll (14-1) 1.
Pistol River b c Simply Great - Pampala (P Green) 9-6 J Reid (7-1 jt-fav) 2.
Master Charlie ch g Master Willie - Maryland Cookie (D Watson) 8-7 L Dettori (16-1) 3.
Alesca b f Alleging - Hissca (Miss D Karr) 8-2 N Adams (10-1) 4.
ALSO RAN: 7 jt-fav Black Dragon, 8 Circus Colours, Lifesm, 14 Glen Echo, 16 Marros Mill (5th), Lyford Cay (6th), 20 Alzazzal, Devilry, Contract Court, 25 Yahmi, Empire Pool, 33 Beauman. 16 ran. NR: Baron Ferdinand, Sun Of Spring, Sharaar, Fabulous Mtoto. 2½l, 2½l, 8l, 4l, 2½l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £27.30; £5.20, £1.50, £2.30, £2.90. DF: £121.30. Trio: £695.50. CSF: £91.61. Tricast: £1,422.09. 2min 37.90sec.

3.05 CORK AND ORRERY STAKES (Group III: £40,645: 6f)
COLLEGE CHAPEL b c Sharpo - Scarcely Blessed (Mrs M O'Brien) 3-8-10 L Piggott (7-2 fav, Thunderer's nap) 1.
Keen Hunter ch h Diesis - Love's Reward (Shaikh Mohammed) 6-9-7 M Roberts (12-1) 2.
Dolphin Street b c Bluebird - Or Vision (S Niarchos) 3-8-2 K Darley (6-1) 3.
ALSO RAN: 10 Pips Pride, Garah (5th), 12 Thourios, Silver Wizard (6th), 14 Monde Bleu, Specified, Montendre (4th), 20 Harmes, 25 Fylde Flyer, Petardia, 33 Rain Brother, 50 Street Rebel, Stack Rock, 66 Cradle Days, Nordic Fox, 100 Brigg Fair. 19 ran. NR: Marina Park. 1l, 1l, 3l, 2½l, 2½l. M O'Brien in Ireland. Tote: £4.10; £1.80, £4.10, £2.70. DF: £17.00. Trio: £66.60. CSF: £40.32. 1min 19.15sec.

3.45 GOLD CUP (Group I: £107,464: 2m 4f)
DRUM TAPS b h Dixieland Band - Lavendula Rose (Y Asakawa) 7-9-2 L Dettori (13-2) 1.
Assessor b c Niniski - Dingle Bay (B Nielsen) 4-9-0 T Quinn (100-30) 2.
Turgeon gr h Caro - Reiko (Shaikh Mohammed) 7-9-2 M Roberts (20-1) 3.
ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Sought Out (4th), 9 Vintage Crop (6th), 12 Allegan, 14 Further Flight, 20 Arcadian Heights (5th), 25 Daru, 33 Silvernesian. 10 ran. 3l, 6l, 7l, 3½l, sh hd. Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley. Tote: £5.40; £1.70, £1.60, £2.80. DF: £7.80. Trio: £29.60. CSF: £25.48. 4min 32.57sec.

4.20 NORFOLK STAKES (Group III: 2-Y-O: £24,249: 5f)
TURTLE ISLAND b c Fairy King - Sisania (R Sangster) 8-13 J Reid (3-1) 1.
Gold Land b c Gone West - Lajna (F Salman) 8-13 A Munro (4-1) 2.
Redoubtable b c Grey Dawn II - Seattle Rockette (B Nielsen) 8-13 T Quinn (15-8 fav) 3.
ALSO RAN: 13-2 Ya Malak (5th), 14 Dollar Gamble, 20 High Domain (6th), 25 Craggamore, 33 Long Gallery (4th). 8 ran. 3½l, sh hd, 4l, 1½l, 12l. P Chapple-Hyam at Marlborough. Tote: £4.20; £1.30, £1.50, £1.20. DF: £6.70. Trio: £3.00. CSF: £13.98. 1min 5.95sec.

4.55 RIBBLESDALE STAKES (Group II: 3-Y-O fillies: £58,407: 1m 4f)
THAWAKIB b f Sadler's Wells - Tobira Celeste (H Al-Maktoum) 8-8 W Carson (5-2 fav, Richard Evans's nap) 1.
Ivza b f Sadler's Wells - Ivy (Shaikh Mohammed) 8-8 M Roberts (9-2) 2.
Talented b f Bustino - Triple Reef (P Goulandris) 8-8 Pat Eddery (9-2) 3.
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Abury (5th), 11-2 Bright Generation (4th), 20 Magical Retreat (6th), 33 Na-Ayim, Reine De Neige. 8 ran. 1½l, 4l, ½l, 2½l, nk. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £3.20; £1.20, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £6.00. Trio: £10.40. CSF: £12.54. 2min 38.53sec.

5.30 CHESHAM STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-O: £19,912: 6f)
STATE PERFORMER gr c Seattle Dancer - Dm (R Sangster) 9-0 J Reid (8-13 fav) 1.
Time Star b c Manila - Valdemosa (F Salman) 8-12 A Munro (10-1) 2.
Governor George b c Secreto - Sheena Native (Lucayan Stud Ltd) 9-0 L Dettori (3-1) 3.
ALSO RAN: 11 Chickawicka, 16 L'Etat C Est Moi (5th), 20 Aljathaab (6th), 25 Izza (4th). 7 ran. 3½l, 2½l, 3½l, 20l. P Chapple-Hyam at Marlborough. Tote: £2.00; £1.50, £4.00. DF: £8.40. CSF: £7.84. 1min 20.34sec.
Jackpot: £25,999.70. Placepot: £30.80.

Thunderer and Richard Evans both selected four winners — College Chapel, Turtle Island, Thawakib and State Performer — at Royal Ascot yesterday. Thunderer napped College Chapel, while Evans made Thawakib his best bet.

Ripon

Going: good

2.15 (5f) 1. Mister Pisto (J Fanning, 6-1), 2. Close To Reality (7-2 fav), 3. General Gubbins (14-1). 15 ran. 2½l, hd. Miss L Perratt. Tote: £6.70; £2.10, £1.70, £6.40. DF: £30.70. CSF: £26.53.

2.50 (1m) 1. Sooty Tern (Mark Denaro, 6-1), 2. Pride Of Pendle (7-2 fav), 3. Dream Carrier (14-1), 4. Public Way (20-1). 16 ran. NR: Bold Line, Mr Abbot. ¾l, 4l. J Bradley. Tote: £5.70; £1.40, £1.30, £4.60, £4.50. DF: £8.30. CSF: £27.20. Tricast: £273.01.

3.25 (1m 2f) 1, Sovereign Page (J Tate, 4-6 fav); 2, Akkazao (14-1); 3, Touch Above (9-1). 10 ran. Nk, 1½l. B Hanbury. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £5.50, £1.60. DF: £20.30. Trio: £100.50. CSF: £13.32. Tricast: £61.15.

4.00 (6f) 1, For The Present (B Raymond, 5-1); 2, The Sharp Bidder (12-1); 3, Ballon (16-1). First Option 11-4 fav. 11 ran. ½l, 6l. T Barron. Tote: £6.60; £2.60, £3.60, £5.40. DF: £25.30. Trio: £296.40. CSF: £58.56. Tricast: £809.58.

4.35 (1m 4f 60yd) 1, Moonshine Lake (A McGlone, 11-10 fav); 2, Tree Of Life (6-1); 3, Dunnellon (10-1). 11 ran. 1½l, 2½l. H Cecil. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £6.60. Trio: £27.20. CSF: £9.12.

5.10 (1m) 1, Asterm (G Hind, 7-2); 2, Rahd (4-5 fav); 3, Shaks (100-30). 5 ran. NR: Mustn't Grumble. ½l, 6l. J Gosden. Tote: £6.20; £1.70, £1.30. DF: £4.40. CSF: £6.27.
Placepot: £114.20.

Ballesteros and Olazábal play disappointing golf in first round of US Open

Hoch leads but Lyle produces a big finish

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN BALTUSROL

AT THE start of last year Scott Hoch underwent surgery on an injured shoulder. Recovery was slow and in 1992 his worst season for ten years, he won less than $60,000. Recuperation was completed yesterday when the 37-year-old American took the lead in the US Open with a four-under-par 66.

Hoch started at just after 7am and the Lower Course at Baltusrol was about as benign as a US Open course could be. It was a glorious morning, clear and sunny with a softly whispering wind and no hint of the humidity that can dominate so many summer's days in the US. There were massive queues of traffic to reach the golf course, causing one American to remark that he had spent so much time in New Jersey he felt entitled to vote.

Hoch went about his business in a quiet and unspectacular way, relatively unseen because it was so early. He described himself as playing with a band-aid on his swing, suggesting that he felt his swing was patched together and could break down at any minute. "I would compare my round today to a duck," he said. "On the surface he looks fine but underneath he's paddling heck." It did not look that way.

He had but one bogey all day and that really annoyed him. Stung to retaliation, he birdied three of his next seven holes, including the 17th and 18th. "I don't foresee any real low scores," he said. "The greens have a lot of knolls on them and it is hard to judge how far your shot is going to roll when it lands on the green."

Hoch's round was merely the first of many sub-par scores. Lee Janzen was on 67, Corey Pavin and Mike Smith, who was in the first group of the day, on 68.

"Seve's back," Billy Foster, *Ballesteros's caddie, pro-*claimed as they moved from the practice ground to the first tee. Sadly, he was not. Despite the enormous support Ballesteros receives over here, every bit as great as that accorded to Curtis Strange, his playing partner, he was wild both from the tee and on the green. He snap-hooked too many of the former and three-putted too many of the latter on his way to a disappointing 76.

Thirteen years ago Ballesteros started with a 75 in the 1980 US Open. Then he missed his starting time for the second round and was disqualified. He had a portent Baltusrol was not going to favour him then, and he was right. It did not favour him yesterday, either. His difficulty is simply that his bad back prevents him from practising as much as he needs. And so he limps from event to event like an engine that misfires occasionally.

What he needs is a rest ro restore his back. But in Ryder Cup year and with huge financial commitments to honour, he cannot afford to take the time off. Meanwhile, he remains a sad sight.

Nothing was going right for José Maria Olazábal, either. Having covered the 470-yard opening hole without his ball touching the fairway, he continued in similar wild vein. He mounted a slight recovery after his fifth over-par hole of the day, the 10th, and played the remaining holes in two under par. He is nothing if not a realist, however, and his own description of his 74 was succinct: "I was rubbish. I could not play any worse."

It was clearly an advantage to be out early when the pace of play was purposeful and the greens were at their best. Colin Montgomerie, playing with Hoch, began with a display of recovery that had to be seen to be believed, saving par on the 1st, 3rd and 4th with brave putts. By the 8th he was three over par and wobbling.

"When you get a chance you have to take them," Montgomerie said. "They don't come often around here." He followed his own advice and from the 8th to the 18th he was two under par, which represented good golf. He chipped in on the 9th and holed a 12-foot putt for a birdie on the 18th.

He had a 71, as did Ernie Els, the promising youngster from South Africa. "That wasn't bad," Montgomerie, who finished third in this event last year, said. "That was steady golf. I was not putting particularly well, so I did not expect a 66." He had made a slight putting change, moving the ball nearer to his left toe.

Sandy Lyle, sporting a severe haircut beneath a wide-brimmed straw hat, gave every appearance of playing an ordinary round in which nothing particularly good nor particularly bad happened. He was three over par when he stood on the 17th tee.

Then something happened, all right. Lyle smashed an enormous drive 340 yards down the fairway, far enough for him to have a crack at reaching the green of this 630-yard hole in two, which has never been achieved in a US Open. Lyle did not break the trend, his second shot ending pin-high just to the right of the flag. It was close enough, however, to demonstrate that on a calm day this green is within reach of such beefy hitters as Lyle and the beefiest of them all, John Daly.

From 50 feet away, Lyle pitched so deftly that his ball nearly ran into the hole. A birdie was nice; an eagle would have been nicer. No matter, one came on the last when he pitched into the hole from a bunker fully 50 yards from the flag.

It was typical of Lyle to be so untypical. To cover these last two holes, which together total well over one kilometre in length, in seven strokes, three under par, is the sort of achievement few other professionals can match. Thus did he turn a ho-hum 73 into a 70, his second-lowest opening round in this competition.

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Recovering: Colin Montgomerie chips on to the 3rd green during his round of 71 at Baltusrol yesterday

US unless stated: (a) denotes amateur

66: S Hoch.
67: L Janzen.
68: M Smith, C Pavin.
69: M Weeks, W Grady (Aus), W Glasson.
70: J Adams, D Edwards, M McCumber, M Standly, S Simpson, V Haefner, L Nelson, A Lyle (GB).
71: C Montgomerie (GB), S Flesch, J Sluman, K Clearwater, J Edwards, E Els (SA), J Haas, R Cochran, M Ozaki (Japan).
72: S Murphy, W Andrade, E Kirkby, J Smith, S Stricker, D Frost (SA), R Mast, R Gamez, N Henke.
73: E Whitman, B Fabel, T Rhyan, C Strange, H Irwin, L Mize.
74: (a) D Bergarnio, J M Olazábal.
75: R Mattbie.
76: D Court, D A Weibring, S Ballesteros (Sp).
77: D Peoples, M Pfeil.
78: D Brown.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Keane plans move to Manchester

ROY Keane, the sought-after *Nottingham Forest* footballer, announced yesterday that he had decided to move to Manchester United, although Forest have yet to agree a fee with any of the clubs interested in signing the Ireland international. Blackburn Rovers had agreed personal terms with him, but Keane said: "Money isn't everything in life. Manchester United have a proud tradition, they are one of the biggest clubs in the world and everyone wants to play for them."

Newcastle United aim to complete the signing of Peter Beardsley, a former player, within the next few days. The former England forward is poised to leave Everton after the Merseyside club accepted a bid of £1.4 million from Newcastle.

Barnes earns place

GOLF: Brian Barnes, who lost his European Tour card last year and is relying on sponsors' invitations this season, shot a 65, seven under par, in the opening round of the Jersey European Airways Open at La Moye yesterday. Barnes knew he was playing in the tournament only on Monday. He did not have a single bogey in his round and started with a 20-foot putt for a birdie two. He added six more. Ross Drummond, another Scot, also shot 65, to equal his lowest round on the tour. Drummond, 36, stood eight under after making a 15-foot putt on the 16th, but bogeyed the next.

Medical centre survives

OLYMPIC GAMES: The British Olympic Medical Centre at Northwick Park, Harrow, which has helped prepare many of Britain's medal winners, has been saved after threats that it would close because it costs too much money. The British Olympic Association will advertise for a director with business acumen, as well as a medical background, to help reduce the £400,000 subsidy needed to run the centre every year. The BOMC is to become gradually integrated into the network of national sports medicine institutes.

Warrington sale

RUGBY LEAGUE: Warrington have put 13 players on the tranfer list after they refused lower contract payments. They include *Duane Mann, the New Zealand international* hooker. Only two players have agreed terms for next season. With 11 Hull players on sale for £1.3 million and Featherstone Rovers asking a world record £1 million for Paul Newlove, their Great Britain centre, the need for financial realism and an end to the costly and divisive player-contract system could well speed the introduction by the Rugby Football League of a salary ceiling.

International challenge

EQUESTRIANISM: The first British "friendly international" dressage meeting begins today at Addington Manor, Buckinghamshire, the home of Lord and Lady Inchcape. Riders from France, Germany, Holland and Britain will compete at the CDA (concours dressage d'amitié), which is being financed by private individuals and the Dressage Group. Jennie Loriston-Clarke, the former national champion, with Catherston Dazzler, leads the 26-strong British entry, many of whom will be having their first taste of international competition. Third fatality, page 3

Champions lead field

ROWING: The inclusion of the Fisa World Sculling Cup for men and women is promising to make Henley Regatta an outstanding event this year, attracting some of the best rowers in the world into the Diamond Sculls and the new Women's Sculls competition. Thomas Langer, the Olympic champion, from Germany, leads the heavyweights, alongside Jens Mohr Ernst, the world lightweight champion, from Denmark. Steve Redgrave, Matthew Pinsent and Greg and Jonny Searle, the Olympic champions from Britain, are also competing at the regatta.

McCague stakes Test claim

BY IVO TENNANT

CANTERBURY (first day of four; Derbyshire won toss): Kent, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 59 runs ahead of Derbyshire

IN CRICKET, a sense of timing is all. So it was yesterday, when, for every bulletin from Lord's, there was a wicket for Martin McCague or Alan Igglesden. They took nine between them, all of which made for copious notes by Alan Knott, the England observer on the ground.

McCague, who appeared to be fit for the first time this season, took five Derbyshire wickets for 34. To be more exact, he had them at a cost of ten runs in his post-lunch spell. He and Igglesden, who has also been having physiotherapy at Lilleshall, were quite a proposition on a moist pitch.

They did well to start on time, for nearly an inch of rain had fallen on the St Lawrence ground on Wednesday. It was humid, also, but Derbyshire batted, believing that a pitch which had been used before would eventually take spin.

Barnett went in the third over, following one from Igglesden that swung away, but for so long as Morris remained, driving on the up with impudence, Derbyshire had the makings of a decent total. It would be churlish in view of what followed to mention that he got himself out, but perhaps not in light of the fact that he, too, was under surveillance.

Morris had made 57 from 78 balls when he top-edged a hook at Ealham to square leg. Thereafter, the remainder of Derbyshire's batting caved in. Their last seven wickets went for 27 to McCague and Igglesden: indeed, nobody other than Morris and Bowler reached double figures. Hooper held a couple of lovely slip catches and Fleming one over his head at cover.

So Igglesden, who finished with four for 26, need not repine. His England career, one of a single cap, injury and ill-luck, will have further to run if he continues to bowl like this. Malcolm, too, would have gained something from this pitch if Derbyshire had not omitted him through a policy of rotating their fast bowlers.

After Ward and Benson had gone to the new ball, one driving to cover, the other pushing forward without conviction, the pitch dried out. Taylor, partnered first by Hooper, treated this as the four-day match it is. After tea, Llong showed just why he is holding down a regular place, driving and cutting Sladdin with a flourish. They had put on 134 by the close.

Openers prove hard to shift

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

THREE-figure opening partnerships, if not quite on the scale of the one at Lord's, were all the rage in the championship games yesterday.

With Mark Lathwell laid low by an infected insect bite, **Somerset's** makeshift first-wicket pair, Ian Fletcher and Nick Folland, exceeded all expectations by putting on 120 against **Middlesex** at Bath. Bill Athey and Jamie Hall launched the **Sussex** innings at Old Trafford with a stand of 147, one more than Paul Prichard and John Stephenson managed for **Essex** at Trent Bridge.

Oddly enough, only Athey, of these six batsmen, went on to score a century, reaching his first hundred for his third county after 332 minutes at the crease. He was eventually sixth out, one of five wickets for Gary Yates, the off spinner, who, in his first game of the season, was mainly responsible for limiting Sussex to 319 for seven.

Stephenson reached 97 against **Nottinghamshire** before falling to Chris Cairns, but Essex built on their good start to compile 330 for four, with Salim Malik unbeaten on 91 and Mark Ilott, England's discard from Lord's, acting as nightwatchman.

Fletcher scored 65 before he retired hurt after being hit by a ball from Neil Williams, a fate which befell Graham Rose later in the innings as Somerset made rather heavy weather of reaching 267 for six.

The most serious injury of the day was at Northampton, where David Capel had his left arm broken by a ball from Malcolm Marshall and is expected to be out for two months. Despite 59 from Robert Bailey, **Northamptonshire** were dismissed for 125, Kevin Shine taking six for 62. **Hampshire**, with six first-innings wickets intact, are 12 behind.

The century partnerships at Sheffield and Colwyn Bay were for the second wicket. Ashley Metcalfe and Richie Richardson both scored half-centuries as **Yorkshire** reached 282 for six against **Gloucestershire**. Hugh Morris and Adrian Dale put on 110 against **Durham**, who did not call on Ian Botham until the 66th over of the innings, whereupon he responded with a spell of four for 11 as **Glamorgan** subsided to 300 all out.

There was hardly a partnership worthy of the name at Edgbaston, where 19 wickets fell in the day for 216 runs. With Waqar Younis again rampant, taking six for 43, **Warwickshire** were dismissed for 88. **Surrey** then lost six wickets for 44 before Martin Bicknell, with a valuable 37, led them to 128 for nine.

YESTERDAY'S CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship

Kent v Derbyshire

CANTERBURY *(first day of four; Derbyshire won toss). Kent, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 59 runs ahead of Derbyshire*

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Hooper b Igglesden	4
P D Bowler c Marsh b McCague	36
J E Morris c Llong b Ealham	57
C J Adams c Marsh b Igglesden	2
T J G O'Gorman c Fleming b McCague	5
M J Vandrau lbw b McCague	0
†B J M Maher c Hooper b Igglesden	2
A E Warner b McCague	1
S J Base c Hooper b Igglesden	9
R W Sladdin not out	1
O H Mortensen b McCague	1
Extras (b 10, lb 4, nb 2)	16
Total (46.3 overs)	135

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-89, 3-96, 4-108, 5-112, 6-119, 7-119, 8-128, 9-135.

BOWLING: McCague 13.3-4-34-5, Igglesden 16-6-26-4; Fleming 6-0-27-0; Ealham 9-1-30-1; Hooper 2-0-4-0.

KENT: First Innings

T R Ward c Barnett b Warner	0
*M R Benson lbw b Mortensen	0
N R Taylor not out	55
C L Hooper lbw b Base	34
N J Llong not out	83
Extras (b 2, lb 4, nb 16)	22
Total (3 wkts, 60 overs)	194

M V Fleming, †S A Marsh, M A Ealham, R P Davis, M J McCague and A P Igglesden to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-0, 3-60.

BOWLING: Warner 8-1-20-1, Mortensen 12-3-29-1; Base 14-2-56-1; Sladdin 15-4-63-0; Adams 7-2-19-0; Vandrau 4-3-1-0.

Bonus points: Kent 4, Derbyshire 1.

Umpires: K E Palmer and N T Plews.

Somerset v Middlesex

BATH *(first day of four; Middlesex won toss): Somerset have scored 267 for six wickets against Middlesex*

SOMERSET: First Innings

N A Folland c Sims b Williams	54
I Fletcher retired hurt	65
R J Harden b Feltham	16
*C J Tavaré lbw b Feltham	47
A N Hayhurst c Brown b Fraser	17
N D Burns b Keech	30
G D Rose retired hurt	16
Mushtaq Ahmad lbw b Williams	0
N A Mallender not out	2
J I D Kerr not out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 10, w 1, nb 6)	20
Total (6 wkts, 110 overs)	267

A P Van Troost to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-120, 2-150, 3-202, 4-231, 5-264, 6-264

BOWLING: Williams 22-1-58-2; Fraser 23-4-69-1, Feltham 23-8-39-2; Emburey 21-5-45-0; Keech 12-5-17-1; Weekes 9-2-29-0.

MIDDLESEX: D L Haynes, M Keech, M R Ramprakash, *J D Carr, R J Sims, †K R Brown, P N Weekes, M A Feltham, J E Emburey, N F Williams, A R C Fraser.

Bonus points: Somerset 2, Middlesex 2.

Umpires: B J Meyer and G Sharp.

Lancashire v Sussex

OLD TRAFFORD *(first day of four; Sussex won toss): Sussex have scored 314 for seven wickets against Lancashire*

SUSSEX: First Innings

C W J Athey c and b Yates	101
J W Hall b Wasim Akram	53
D M Smith c Barnett b Yates	15
*A P Wells b Yates	0
K Greenfield run out	0
J A North lbw b Yates	23
F D Stephenson c Wasim Akram b Yates	35
†P Moores not out	37
B T P Donelan not out	12
Extras (b 5, lb 10, nb 22)	37
Total (7 wkts, 110 overs)	314

A N Jones and E E Hemmings to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-147, 2-172, 3-176, 4-178, 5-218, 6-251, 7-280.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 22-5-50-1; Martin 12-4-36-0; DeFreitas 16-5-40-0; Barnett 26-6-83-0, Yates 34-9-80-5

LANCASHIRE: G D Mendis, S P Titchard, N J Speak, *N H Fairbrother, G D Lloyd, Wasim Akram, P A J DeFreitas, †W K Hegg, G Yates, P J Martin, A A Barnett.

Bonus points: Lancashire 3, Sussex 3.

Umpires: G I Burgess and B Leadbeater.

Yorkshire v Gloucestershire

SHEFFIELD *(first day of four; Gloucestershire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 282 for six wickets against Gloucestershire*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon lbw b Wight	23
A A Metcalfe c Hancock b Cooper	63
R B Richardson st Russell b Wight	54
D Byas lbw b Cooper	1
†R J Blakey b Walsh	28
C White b Cooper	53
P W Jarvis not out	30
P J Hartley not out	13
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 2, nb 10)	17
Total (6 wkts, 112 overs)	282

J D Batty, R D Stemp and M A Robinson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-148, 3-150, 4-154, 5-197, 6-263.

BOWLING: Walsh 23-4-61-1; Cooper 28-10-45-3; Wight 23-6-56-2; De la Pena 11-1-59-0; Davies 26-11-51-0; Alleyne 3-2-5-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: B C Broad, G D Hodgson, *M W Alleyne, A J Wright, T H C Hancock, †R C Russell, J M De la Pena, R M Wight, M Davies, C A Walsh, K E Cooper.

Bonus points: Yorkshire 2, Gloucestershire 2.

Umpires: D J Constant and R A White.

Glamorgan v Durham

COLWYN BAY *(first day of four; Glamorgan won toss): Durham, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 295 runs behind Glamorgan*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James c Scott b Brown	10
*H Morris b Graveney	52
A Dale c Berry b Wood	60
M P Maynard lbw b Botham	46
I V A Richards b Berry	34
P A Cottey b Berry	7
R D B Croft c Scott b Botham	36
R P Lefebvre c Daley b Berry	12
†C P Metson c Wood b Botham	13
S L Watkin not out	1
S R Barwick lbw b Botham	2
Extras (lb 4, w 1, nb 22)	27
Total (101.5 overs)	300

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-127, 3-160, 4-223, 5-223, 6-236, 7-262, 8-293, 9-298.

BOWLING: Cummins 24-5-75-0; Brown 17-1-59-1; Wood 12-1-47-1; Graveney 26-5-65-1; Botham 6.5-2-11-4, Berry 16-3-38-3.

DURHAM: First Innings

I T Botham not out	2
W Larkins not out	3
Extras	0
Total (no wkt, 5 overs)	5

P W G Parker, J A Daley, P Bainbridge, P J Berry, †C W Scott, A C Cummins, J Wood, *D A Graveney and S J E Brown to bat.

BOWLING: Watkin 3-1-4-0; Barwick 2-1-1-0

Bonus points: Glamorgan 3, Durham 4.

Umpires: R Julian and A G T Whitehead

Northamptonshire v Hampshire

NORTHAMPTON *(first day of four; Hampshire won toss): Hampshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 12 runs behind Northamptonshire*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham lbw b Shine	3
N A Felton c Aymes b Shine	10
R J Bailey c and b Shine	59
*A J Lamb b Shine	6
M B Loye c James b Marshall	1
D J Capel retired hurt	18
K M Curran b Marshall	0
†D Ripley not out	9
C E L Ambrose c Aymes b Shine	2
J P Taylor c Morris b Marshall	1
N G B Cook b Shine	0
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 10)	16
Total (44 overs)	125

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-28, 3-36, 4-37, 5-109, 6-113, 7-118, 8-124, 9-125.

BOWLING: Marshall 13.5-29-3; Shine 14.1-62-6; Connor 7-3-13-0; James 8.5-9-0; Udal 2-0-7-0.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

T C Middleton b Curran	9
R S M Morris c Ripley b Ambrose	31
K D James c Loye b Ambrose	22
V P Terry lbw b Taylor	7
*M C J Nicholas not out	24
J R Wood not out	9
Extras (b 1, lb 8, nb 2)	11
Total (4 wkts, 69 overs)	113

†A N Aymes, M D Marshall, S D Udal, C A Connor and K J Shine to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-55, 3-72, 4-89.

BOWLING: Ambrose 21-4-32-2; Taylor 14-6-30-1; Curran 11-1-31-1; Cook 11-5-6-0; Bailey 6-4-5-0.

Bonus points: Northants 1, Hampshire 4.

Umpires: J W Holder and R Palmer.

Nottinghamshire v Essex

TRENT BRIDGE *(first day of four; Essex won toss): Essex have scored 330 for six wickets against Nottinghamshire*

ESSEX: First Innings

*P J Prichard c Pollard b Cairns	58
J P Stephenson c Afford b Cairns	97
J J B Lewis c French b Evans	27
Salim Malik not out	91
N Hussain b Cairns	30
M C Ilott not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 3, nb 6)	18
Total (4 wkts, 103 overs)	330

N Shahid, †M A Garnham, D B Pringle, S J W Andrew and J H Childs to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-146, 2-171, 3-245, 4-322.

BOWLING: Cairns 23-4-67-3; Pick 17-1-76-0; Evans 26-5-70-1; Afford 23-7-58-0; Field-Buss 14-3-52-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: P R Pollard, M Saxelby, *R T Robinson, P Johnson, C L Cairns, G F Archer, K P Evans, †B N French, R A Pick, M G Field-Buss, J A Afford.

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 1, Essex 3.

Umpires: H D Bird and B Dudleston.

Warwickshire v Surrey

EDGBASTON *(first day of four; Warwickshire won toss): Surrey, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 40 runs ahead of Warwickshire*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles c Kersey b Benjamin	23
J D Ratcliffe c Lynch b Waqar	4
R G Twose c Kersey b Waqar	0
D P Ostler lbw b Benjamin	9
T L Penney lbw b M P Bicknell	2
*D A Reeve c Thorpe b Waqar	14
†M Burns c Ward b Waqar	0
N M K Smith b Waqar	3
G C Small c Kersey b Waqar	3
A A Donald c Lynch b Benjamin	8
T A Munton not out	7
Extras (b 2, nb 6)	8
Total (38.4 overs)	88

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-15, 3-39, 4-42, 5-57, 6-60, 7-67, 8-70, 9-71.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 15.3-4-43-6; M P Bicknell 14-7-27-1, Benjamin 9.4-6-16-3.

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell lbw b Donald	5
*M A Lynch c Ostler b Small	1
G P Thorpe c Burns b Reeve	18
A D Brown b Small	10
D M Ward c Ratcliffe b Small	0
A W Smith lbw b Small	13
†G J Kersey lbw b Reeve	0
M P Bicknell b Smith	37
N M Kendrick not out	14
Waqar Younis c Penney b Smith	9
J E Benjamin not out	0
Extras (b 8, lb 3, nb 10)	21
Total (9 wkts, 54 overs)	128

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-8, 3-23, 4-31, 5-44, 6-44, 7-62, 8-114, 9-128.

BOWLING: Donald 15.3-7-44-1; Small 15-5-39-4; Munton 15.3-7-27-0; Reeve 4-4-0-2; Twose 1-1-0-0; Smith 3-1-7-2.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 1, Surrey 4.

Umpires: J H Harris and P Willey.

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GINGLYMUS
(b) A diarthrodial joint having some likeness to a hinge, in that its motion is only in two directions, as the elbow-joint, from the Greek *gigglumos* a hinge: "The knee, the largest and most complex ginglymus joint in the body."

PHUGOID
(b) Of or pertaining to the logitudinal stability of an aircraft flying a nominally horizontal course in a vertical plane, applied specifically to a slow fore-and-aft oscillation in which the flight path assumes the form of a series of shallow waves and the aircraft undergoes synchronous increases and decreases of speed, from a misapprehension of the Greek *phugē*, which means running away, not flying: "The phugoid theory deals with the longitudinal stability, and the form and equations of the flight path of an aerodone."

SOGDIAN
(b) Of or belonging to Sogdiana, an ancient Persian province corresponding to the modern Samarkand and Bokhara in the former Soviet Union, a native of this province, and the Middle Iranian language of this province, from the old Persian *Suguda*: "When he had ordred all thinges amonges the Sogdians, he removed into Bactria."

LAVANDERA
(c) A washerwoman, in Spanish-speaking countries, from the Spanish verb *lavender* to wash; George Borrow, *Zincali*, 1841: "The lavenderas engaged in purifying the linen of the capital."

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6.00 Business Breakfast (42147)
7.00 Breakfast News (70212505)
9.05 Morning Surgery. Advice on acupuncture and bedwetting children (s) (7211321) **9.20 Summer Mornings on BBC1.** Ross King previews the morning's programmes (1007876) **9.30 Eldorado** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (99321)
10.00 News (Ceefax); regional news and weather (8642925) **10.05 Playdays.** For infants (s) (7885437) **10.30 Gardeners' World Live** from the NEC Birmingham (2758091) **10.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4254505)
10.55 Cricket. Live coverage of the opening session of the second day's play in the second Test at Lord's between England and Australia (s) (27103499). Includes, at **12.00 News** (Ceefax) and weather. **12.55 Regional News** and weather (72981963)
1.00 One O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (17128) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (83089876)
1.50 Cricket and Royal Ascot. Further coverage from Lord's plus live coverage of the 2.30, 3.05, 3.45 and, on BBC2, the 4.20 races from Ascot (46610470)
4.00 Cartoon (7689091) **4.10 Babar** (r) (9066128) **4.35 Hartbeat.** A guide to better picture-making (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2825692)
5.00 Newsround (4109925) **5.10 Round the Twist.** Episode ten of the 13-part Australian comedy. (Ceefax) (s) (9745586)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (708465). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (857)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (437). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (4128)
7.30 The Rock 'n' Roll Years (b/w). 1964 — the year Nelson Mandela went to prison and Mary Whitehouse launched her "clean up television" campaign. Among those providing the musical memories are the Rolling Stones, Manfred Mann and Peter, Paul and Mary (r). (Ceefax) (821)



Up in arms: Phil Whitchurch, right (8.00pm)

8.00 Casualty. Among the cases for the Holby Hospital staff this week are a wife (Gillian Barge) who abandons her paraplegic husband (Philip Madoc) when she can no longer cope; and a farmer (Phil Whitchurch) who becomes violent at the prospect of losing the family home (r). (Ceefax) (s) (345673)
8.50 Points of View. (Ceefax) (s) (732128)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (2037)
9.30 Rides. The final episode of the drama series about a women-run mini-cab company. (Ceefax) (s) (738321)
10.20 Film: Sworn to Silence (1987) starring Peter Coyote and Dabney Coleman. A provocative legal drama exploring whether a lawyer's silence about privileged information can be overidden by the public's right to know. The matter comes to light during the trial of a man accused of murdering a teenage girl in a small Pennsylvania town. Directed by Peter Levin (455302)
11.55 Royal Ascot. Highlights of the final day of the Royal meeting (s) (819383)
12.15am Cricket. The best of the action from the second day of the second Test at Lord's (s) (2148074)
12.55 Weather (1740513)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Maths Models and Methods (9225437) **7.10** The Founding of the Royal Society (5796447) **7.35** Maths: Up to the Mark (1872383)
8.00 Breakfast News (4351147)
8.15 Westminster (6821944)
9.00 Daytime on Two: Storytime (7210692) **9.15** Inside English **9.30** Help Your Child with Reading (3800944) **9.45** Watch (s) (3805499) **10.00** The Geography Programme (6302857) **10.20** Ulster in Focus (2784789) **10.40** Landmarks (274925) **11.00** Ghostwriter (s) **11.30** Ghostwriter (s) (9654) **12.00** English File (57857) **12.30** Scene (s) (90609) **1.00** English Express (35909760) **1.20** Penny Crayon (69421321) **1.30** Puppydog Tales (95927960) **1.35** Crystal Tipps and Alistair (96377401) **1.40** Landmarks (83064470)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Words and Pictures** (s) (12638318) **2.15 Jumpcuts.** A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (r) (82918963)
2.20 Cricket, Racing and Tennis. Further live coverage of the second day of the second Test between England and Australia at Lord's; from Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, action from the Volkswagen Cup, the traditional pre-Wimbledon women's tournament; and from the final day of the Royal Ascot meeting, the King's Stand Stakes (4.20) (344401). Includes **News** (Ceefax), and weather at **3.00** and **3.50** (168321)
6.30 Cardiff Singer of the World. The week's youngest competitor, 24-year-old Welsh baritone Jeremy Huw Williams, attempts to reach tomorrow's final. he is interviewed by Natalie Wheen and Iain Burnside (s) (282949)
7.20 Parenthood. American dmestic comedy series, a spin-off from the successful film, with Ed Begley Jr in the Steve Martin role. (Ceefax) (192031)
7.45 What the Papers Say with Peter Millar of *The Sunday Times* (857166)
8.00 Public Eye: Holiday Hell. See Choice (1418)
8.30 Gardeners' World from the first *Gardeners' World Live* show at the NEC, Birmingham, where Geoff Hamilton, Liz Rigbey and Nicholas Wray are joined by Alan Titchmarsh. (Ceefax) (s) (4875)



Cher and "Maitloaf": Griff and Mel (9.00pm)

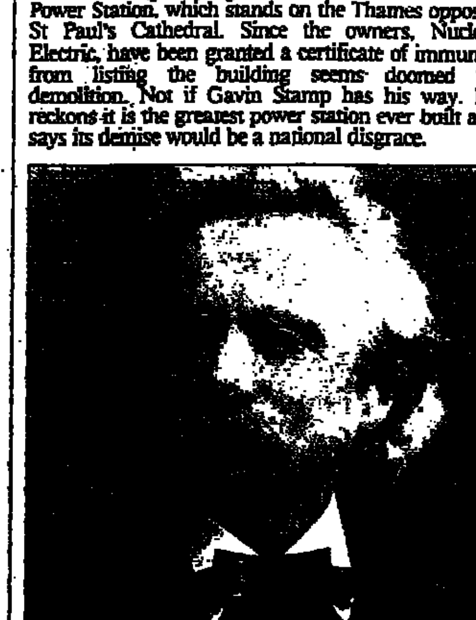
9.00 Alas Smith and Jones. A repeat run of the first Mel and Griff series, originally shown in 1984. (Ceefax) (8789)
9.30 One Foot in the Past (s). See Choice (88215)
10.00 Golf. Highlights of the second round of the US Open from Baltusrol, New Jersey (58586)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron. (Ceefax) (738741)
11.15 Later with Jools Holland. The guests include Neneh Cherry and the Kinks (s) (926079)
12.05am Weather (9647277)
12.10 Golf. Further action from the US Open (4410819). Ends at **1.15**

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CHOICE

One Foot in the Past
BBC2, 9.30pm

The house in the Welsh countryside, probably dating back to Elizabethan times, seemed the ideal place to bring up the family. Only after they had bought it did the Gibsons discover that the house was built on the ruins of an ancient royal palace. The revelation proved double-edged. The Gibsons' determination to prove the provenance of the house used up all their time, energy and, not least, money. The local archaeological community met their findings with scepticism. It is a strong story for this excellent series on heritage matters. Tonight's programme also features Bankside Power Station, which stands on the Thames opposite St Paul's Cathedral. Since the owners, Nuclear Electric, have been granted a certificate of immunity from listing the building seems doomed for demolition. Not if Gavin Stamp has his way. He reckons it is the greatest power station ever built and says its demise would be a national disgrace.



Belated premiere: Edvard Grieg (C4, 8.00pm)

Europe Express
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The current series of reports from mainland Europe signs off in Germany, the former Yugoslavia and Norway. The German story is about a bold experiment in racial harmony. Turkish community workers in the port of Kiel take neo-Nazi skinheads on a free trip to Turkey in an attempt to change their attitudes. We discover how successful it was. From Bosnia we hear about young Serbs trying to escape the military draft. Some escape to Serbia, others get as far as Amsterdam. The Norwegian report is not about the football triumph over England but some early works of the country's most famous composer, Edvard Grieg. He asked that these pieces should be destroyed after his death. His wish was disobeyed and this month they had their first performance at the Bergen festival.

Public Eye: Holiday Hell
BBC2, 8.00pm

It is almost enough to make you want to stay at home. On Monday *World in Action* warned about the dangers facing British holidaymakers abroad, including theft, assault, rape and even murder. Jenny Cuffe's disquieting report for *Public Eye* is about standards of health care in the European Community, with special reference to Greece. Michael, a student, broke his neck in a fall. Because of negligent treatment, he got gangrene in one leg and had to have it amputated. His lawyers say he has no chance of compensation from the Greek hospital. A couple from Warrington relate their five-year legal battle with the Greek authorities after a car crash in which their two children were killed. And if Crete is on your itinerary, be warned that accident and emergency provision leaves much to be desired.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (8461316)
9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword game show (8781470) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7861857)
10.00 Out Of This World. American comedy series (r) (Teletext) (83673)
10.30 This Morning Weekday magazine (32001944)
12.10 Tots TV. Children's puppet series (r) (s) (5349012)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Carol Barnes (Teletext) Weather (1313760) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (58113272)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial (Teletext) (424050) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama (s) (423321)
2.15 Life Goes On American drama series about the trials and tribulations of a family with a handicapped son (9323673)
3.10 ITN News headlines (2903321) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2902692) **3.20 The Young Doctors** Drama serial set in an Australian city hospital (7099128)
3.50 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends (7570418) **3.55 Amy.** The first of four European film dramas, narrated by Rosemary Leach (3739925) **4.15 Talespin.** Animated adventures (r) (s) (9083895) **4.40 Kappatoo II.** Episode four of the seven-part comedy science fiction series (r) (1782383)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (8686692)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) Weather (646741)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (70296)
7.00 Through the Keyhole. Celebrity home quiz presented by Sir David Frost with Loyd Grossman The panelists are Alan Coren, Eve Pollard and Lord Lichfield. (Teletext) (s) (9296)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (789)
8.00 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman. Drama series starring Jane Seymour as an 1860s doctor in a Colorado town, fighting prejudice as well as illness (Teletext) (6673)



Strange behaviour: Scott and Wray (9.00pm)

9.00 Stay Lucky. Yorkshire-based comedy drama starring Dennis Waterman and Susan George Thomas's latest business venture gets him into cash-flow difficulties, while Pippa's (Emma Wray) behaviour makes boyfriend Alex (Dougray Scott) act out of character. (Teletext) (s) (6437)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (45012) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (338673)
10.40 The London Programme. Investigative series (380578)
11.10 Life Goes On. A repeat of the pilot episode of the American drama series that goes out at 2.15 on Fridays about a family with a handicapped schoolboy son (905586)
12.05am The ITV Chart Show (s) (7829659)
1.05 Whale On. Music and a discussion dominated by James Whale (2675068)
2.10 American Gladiators. The super-fit in trials of strength and strategy (2000703)
3.05 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. The latest American releases reviewed (7691987)
3.40 Austin City Limits. Country music series (1801548)
4.45 Riviera. French drama serial (3812277)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (88513). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage American comedy series starring Lucille Ball (83012)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules Fighting dog and cat cartoon series (2479470)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (30079)
9.00 You Bet Your Life American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (62789)
9.30 Schools (150321)
12.00 The Parliament Programme Anne Perkins reports on yesterday's business in both Houses (42925)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining pre-school learning series. The guest is singer Carly Simon (r) (96363)
1.30 Dr Snuggles Animated adventures of an odd-ball inventor (r) (92418)
2.00 Film: Ships With Wings (1941, b/w) starring John Clements and Leslie Banks. Second world war Fleet Air Arm drama about a pilot, unjustly dismissed from the service, who is given a second chance to prove himself. Directed by Sergei Nolbandov (250673)
3.50 Jaco Cut-out animation from The Netherlands (8088383)
4.00 Profiles of Nature A Canadian wildlife documentary about the bleak life of the eider duck (419)
4.30 Fifteen To One Fast-moving general knowledge quiz game. The question-master is William G Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (302)
5.00 Magic or Medicine? A repeat of Monday's programme, the first of a new series on alternative medicine, presented by Dr Rob Buckman. (Teletext) (9437)
6.00 Blossom. Comedy series about a teenage girl, the only female in an otherwise all-male Los Angeles household (r) (s) (895)
6.30 Happy Days Another comic wallow in nostalgia (r) (Teletext) (147)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Teletext) Weather (496578)
7.50 First Reaction (693470)
8.00 Europe Express See Choice (6586)
8.30 Brookside Topical soap set in a suburban Merseyside close (Teletext) (s) (8321)
9.00 Garden Club Rebecca Pow, Susie Row and Matthew Biggs travel to King's Lynn to discover how to create a secret cottage garden and whether you can grow your own ratatouille (Teletext) (3857)
9.30 Cheers Following the screening last Sunday of the last episode, the first in a series of repeats of classic episodes from the Boston bar comedy. In this, Coach falls head-over-heels for Irene Blanchard while Sam lusts after her daughter Sue (Teletext) (s) (73383)
10.00 Roseanne. Wisecracking American domestic comedy starring Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman (Teletext) (s) (43654)
10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back (s) (749857)
11.10 Dire Straits: On Every Street The group recorded live in Basel, Switzerland, last summer (r) (s) (967654)



Faces of rock: Faith No More (12.40am)

12.40am Electric Ballroom The first of a five-part series on modern music. Featured tonight are Faith No More, the Grid, Shane McGowan and Nick Cave Plus live performances from the Frames and Therapy (s) (8632432). Ends at **1.10**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.10-5.40 The Munsters Today (8686692) **6.00** Home and Away (466708) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (391031) **10.45** Anglia Live (586895) **11.45** Wheels (481499) **12.10-1.05** Night Heat (1524267) **2.05** Raw Power (2928155) **3.05** Entertainment UK (3002971) **4.00** Musical Routes (26971) **4.30** Riviera (45136123) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1854567)

BORDER
As London except: 1.45 Challenge of the Seas (423321) **2.15-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (9323673) **3.20-3.50** GP (7099128) **6.00** Lookaround (925) **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road (505) **10.40** Scotch and Irish (380578) **11.10** Tour of Duty (627296) **12.10-1.05** War of the Worlds (1524267) **2.05** Raw Power (2928155) **3.05** Entertainment UK (3002971) **4.00** Musical Routes (26971) **4.30** Riviera (45136123) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1854567)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (424050) **1.45** Home and Away (423321) **2.15-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (7654079) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (7099128) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (8686692) **6.00** Home and Away (466708) **6.25-7.00** Central News (391031) **10.40** Crime Stalker (380578) **11.10-1.05** Film: Running Out (546128) **2.05** The Beat (2927426) **3.05** Entertainment UK (3311567) **4.05** Jobfinder (7116242) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (5565242)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (424050) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (423321) **3.20-3.50** Blockbusters (7099128) **5.10-5.40** The $64,000 Question (8686692) **6.00** Home and Away (466708) **6.30** Granada Tonight (441499) **6.55-7.00** Sports Desk (588789) **10.40** Married...with Children (380578) **11.10** Juice (785944) **11.40** The War of the Worlds (266234) **12.35-1.05** Love & War (8642819) **2.05** Raw Power (2928155) **3.05** Entertainment UK (3002971) **4.00** Musical Routes (26971) **4.30** Riviera (45136123) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1854567)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45 Fashion File (423321) **2.15-3.10** A Country Practice (9323673) **6.00** HTV News (925) **6.30-7.00** Great Westerners (505) **10.40** First Cut (380578) **11.10** Married...with Children (785944) **11.40-1.05** Film: Night of Terror (747147) **2.05** Raw Power (2928155) **3.05** Entertainment UK (3002971) **4.00** Musical Routes (26971) **4.30** Riviera (45136123) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1854567)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Get Going **10.40-11.10** Sportsmen's Bar

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15-3.10 Highway to Heaven (9323673) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (70296) **10.40-1.05** Film: Scorpio (11468895) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9684839) **2.35** Raw Power (3845600) **3.35** Cue the Music (9120567) **4.30** Zorro (45136123) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (62180)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.45-3.10 Mistral's Daughter (6519654) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (842073) **6.30-7.00** Earthmovers (505) **10.40** Point of Order (380578) **11.10-1.05** Film: Margaret Bourke-White (617128) **2.05** The Big E (2003890) **3.00** Film: Enchantment (979345) **4.45-5.30** Family Theatre

ULSTER
As London except: 3.20-3.50 Blockbusters (7099128) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (70296) **10.40** Love and War (867692) **11.40** The Country Show (137166) **12.10-1.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H (1524267) **2.05** Raw Power (2928155) **3.05** Entertainment UK (3002971) **4.00** Musical Routes (26971) **4.30** Riviera (45136123) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1854567)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (423321) **2.15** The Sullivans (415302) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (2429302) **3.20-3.50.** A Country Practice (7099128) **6.00-7.00** West Country Live (70296) **10.40** Crime Stalker (380578) **11.15** The War of the Worlds (904857) **12.10-1.05** Live on Stage (1524267) **2.05** Raw Power (2928155) **3.05** Entertainment UK (3002971) **4.00** Musical Routes (26971) **4.30** Riviera (45136123) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1854567)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.45-3.10 Mistral's Daughter (6519654) **5.55** Calendar (842073) **6.30-7.00** Your Big Day (505) **10.40** Musical Routes (380578) **11.10-1.05** Film: Margaret Bourke-White (617128) **2.05** The Big E (2003890) **3.00** Film: Enchantment (979345) **4.45-5.30** Family Theatre (3812277)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (30079) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (62789) **9.30** Ysgolion (150321) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (42925) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (93147) **1.00** Dr Snuggles (83186) **1.30** Take Five (92418) **2.00** Maiden Voyages (9050) **2.30** Film: The Search (36078147) **4.25** Zeno is Sewing (1799673) **4.30** In Praise of Penguins (302) **5.00** Fifteen To One (9842) **5.30** Brookside (654) **6.00** News (819876) **6.10** Hano (497654) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (9186) **7.30** Amser 'fw Gofio (401) **8.00** Cwn Detaid (6586) **8.30** News (576499) **8.55** Pawb A'i Farn (618166) **9.45** San Steffan (498673) **10.00** Roseanne (43654) **10.30** Clive Anderson Talks Back (749857) **11.10** Dire Straits: On Every Street (318499) **12.30** Electric Ballroom (46093) **1.00** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (37666401) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4073418) **9.10** Cartoons (2891857) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (39963) **10.00** Card Sharks (7021470) **10.25** Concentration (7779147) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (1518760) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (48147) **11.30** Falcon Crest (95673) **12.30pm** E Street (40079) **1.00** Another World (9172708) **1.45** Three's Company (586465) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (723128) **3.15** Different Strokes (736166) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8837128) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5499) **6.00** Games World (9925) **6.30** E Street (3505) **7.00** Rescue (6128) **7.30** Full House (9789) **8.00** WWF Mania (57383) **9.00** Code 3 (28383) **9.30** Xposure (20215) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (70234) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (67147) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (29708) **6.30** News and Business Report (723586) **9.30** Nightline (52465) **10.30** 48 Hours (82321) **11.30** International Business Report (93215) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (93437) **1.30** Good Morning America (94166) **2.30** Parliament (20708) **3.30** The Lords (20079) **4.30** News and Business Report (9302) **5.00** Live at Five (89055) **6.30** News and Business Report (81429) **7.30** 48 Hours (8401) **10.30** Nightline (21876) **11.30** ABC News (84857) **12.30am** 48 Hours (20277) **1.30** ABC News (82890) **2.30** Getaway (77790) **3.30** ABC News (17635) **4.30** Those Were The Days (19432) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (26797)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (8980168)
10.00 A Girl of the Limberlost (1990): Heather Fairfield lives with her mother Annette O'Toole in rural Indiana (44895)
12.00 Joe Panther (1976): A modern Indian strives to make his way in a white man's world. With Brian Keith (43079)
2.00pm Ice Castles (1978): An Olympic skater is struck blind (81586)
4.00 The Lincoln Conspiracy (1977). Drama about the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. With Bradford Dillman (30352296)
5.50 A Girl of the Limberlost (as 10am) (52554321) **7.40 US Top Ten** (376166)
8.00 Mermaids (1990). Comedy-drama with Cher and Winona Ryder (86895)
10.00 The Punisher (1990): Dolph Lundgren avenges his family's murder With Lou Gossett Jr (96470)
11.30 Showdown in Little Tokyo (1991): Brandon Lee and Dolph Lundgren use martial arts to fight the Yakuza (374215)
12.50am The Haunted (1991): Sally Kirkland's home is invaded by demons (979258)
2.25 Storm (1987): A gang menaces two students on a camping trip (922797)
4.05 In Gold We Trust (1990) Jan-Michael Vincent searches for treasure in the Vietnam jungle (9404695). Ends at **5.35**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Kiss Me Deadly (1955): Ralph Meeker stars as detective Mike Hammer (58050)
8.00 The Magnificent Seven Ride! (1972) Western with Lee Van Cleef (60895)
10.00 The Poseidon Adventure (1972). A tidal wave overturns a cruise ship. With Gene Hackman (70470). Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.15am Little Miss Marker (1980) Sara Stimson is left as an IOU for a gambling debt With Walter Matthau (92264708)
8.00 Scooby Doo and the Reluctant Werewolf: Cartoon fun (18777128)
9.50 Man's Favourite Sport? (1964) Romantic comedy in which Rock Hudson takes part in a fishing contest (91701963)
12.00 Jolson Sings Again (1949): Biopic starring Larry Parks (34321)
2.00pm Belle of the Yukon (1944): Gypsy Rose Lee tames Randolph Scott (89128)
4.00 Scooby Doo and the Reluctant Werewolf (as 8am) (1673)
6.00 Hearts on Fire (1991) Tom Skerritt hires Marg Helgenberger to look after his wife, Lesley Ann Warren (72692)
8.00 Aces — Iron Eagle III (1991) Louis Gossett Jr teams up with veteran pilots to combat a drug cartel (84437)
10.00 Jungle Fever (1991) Spike Lee's inter-racial romantic drama. With Wesley Snipes and Annabella Sciorra (12723302)
12.15am Psycho IV: The Beginning (1990): Henry Thomas plays the young Norman Bates (658513)
2.00 True Confessions (1981): Robert Duvall's brother Robert De Niro is implicated in the murder of a prostitute (126906)
3.50 Women in Love (1970): Glenda Jackson and Jennie Linden star in Ken Russell's adaptation of the novel by D.H. Lawrence (38971884). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (76321) **7.00** Watersports World (33586) **8.00** British Motorsport (34215) **9.00** Prime Bodies (49586) **10.00** Motor Racing (95944) **11.00** US Open Golf (93470) **1.00pm** Manchester Open Tennis (241147) **3.30** US Open Golf (484050) **6.30** Horse Racing (3791012) **8.00** US Open Golf (8506302) **12.00-3.00am** Manchester Open Tennis (9498635)

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7.30am Step Aerobics (91129) **8.00** Cycling (29383) **9.00** Mountain Biking (90925) **9.30** Eurofun (49789) **10.00** The Pyrenean Games (52741) **10.30** DTM German Touring Cars (29437) **11.00** Football 1994 World Cup Qualifiers (71596) **12.00** Football. America Cup — Argentina v Bolivia (72505) **2.00pm** ATP Tennis (8723616) **6.00** NBA Basketball (2437) **6.30** Eurosport News (3789) **7.00** Football (as noon) (92857) **9.00** Motorsport (36465) **10.00** Motorcycling (11418) **10.30** Boxing (75296) **11.30-1.30am** Football America Cup — Paraguay v Chile (46499)

UK GOLD
7.00am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (3001708) **7.30** Neighbours (3080215) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4139673) **8.30** EastEnders (4138944) **9.00** The Bill (4129296) **9.30** The Brothers (9176418) **10.30** Colditz (1255673) **11.30** Happy Ever after (5103483) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4132760) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6085031) **1.00** EastEnders (3000079) **1.30** The Bill (6064302) **2.00** Never the Twain (4842505) **2.30** Solo (7571079) **3.00** Dallas (7008019) **4.00** Dynasty (2658316) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4633857) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7575505) **6.00** Neighbours (7572708) **6.30** The Sullivans (6199302) **7.30** Never the Twain (7552944) **8.00** EastEnders (4827741) **8.30** Solo (4941876) **9.00** Colditz (6680925) **10.00** The Bill (4140789) **10.30** Comic Strip Sandwich (4159437) **11.00** Till Death Us Do Part (1408875) **11.30** Dr Who (2407944) **12.00** Film: Invasion of the Saucer Men (1957) with Steve Terrell (15571335) **1.15am** Videos (7774093) **2.00** What's in Store

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (66789) **7.00** Ratkon II (46835) **9.00** Jack in the Box (98300) **11.00** Stories Without Words (54811) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (19215) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (86692) **2.00** Stories Without Words (7654) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (6654) **3.00** Babar (67891) **3.30** Ratkon II (35470) **5.00** The Electric Stringvest (8891) **6.00-7.00** Fame (75128)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Maths — Countdown to Graphs
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Chris de Souza. Including Vaughan Williams (Overture, The Wasps); Bach (Orchestral Suite No 4 in D, BWV 1069); Bax (Saga Fragment for piano and orchestra); Haydn (Symphony No 87 in A)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Grieg. Klokkeklang, Sound of Bells (LSO under Per Drier); Lyric Pieces, Op 71 Nos 1, 3, 6 and 7 (Emil Gilels, piano); Haugtussa, The Mountain Maid, Op 67 (Anne Sofie von Otter, mezzo, Bengt Forsberg, piano); Homage March, Sigurd Jorsalfar, Op 56 (Royal Stockholm PO under Gennadi Rozhdestvensky)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Haydn (The First Day, The Creation); Beethoven (The Creatures of Prometheus, Act 1); Rebel (Ballet, Les Eléments); Mozart (Die Zauberflöte, Act 2, sc 8); Tippett (Ritual Dances, The Midsummer Marriage); Wagner (Immolation scene, Götterdämmerung)
12.00 Settings of Michelangelo: Wolf, orch Kim Borg (Three Michelangelo Lieder); Shostakovich (Suite on Verses of Michelangelo Buonarroti) (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 Handel and Company: The second of five programmes of concertos, sonatas and songs by Handel and his contemporaries
1.35 Test Match Special: England v Australia. Commentary on the second afternoon's play of the second Test from Lord's. During the tea interval at 3.45-4.00 Minor Counties Review with Ralph Dellor
6.10 Evening Sequence: A selection of music on disc
7.00 Aldeburgh Festival '93 from the Snape Maltings Concert Hall. London Sinfonietta under Oliver Knussen performs Bach, orch Knussen (Contrapunctus I, The Art of Fugue: Adrian Thompson, tenor); Alexander Goehr (Piano Concerto: Peter Serkin). **7.40** The Building of the House. Chris Wines explores Britten's career at The Old Mill in Snape. **8.00** Takemitsu (Archipelago s.); Britten (Nocturne, Op 60)
9.00 In a Word: Neo-classicism. Jeremy J. Beadle considers artistic movements of the modern era
9.20 Songs of the Guadalquivir: The flamenco guitarist Marco presents songs from the valley of the Andalucian river Guadalquivir
9.50 Chamber Music from Manchester: Michael George, baritone, Malcolm Martineau, piano, perform Schumann (Vier Husarenlieder, Op 117: Der Husar, trarai; Der leidige Frieden; Den grünen Zeigern; Du liegt der Feinde); Schubert (Grenzen der Menschheit, D716; Aus Heliopolis II, D754; Auf der Donau, D553; Selige Welt, D743; Der Sieg, D805; Fahrt zum Hades, D526; Das Abendrot, D627; Der Strom, D565); Brahms (Fünf lieder, Op 105, Wie Melodien zieht es mir; Immer leiser wird mein Schlummer; Klage; Auf den Kirchhofe; Verrath)
10.45 In Search of Creativity: See Choice
11.30 Midnight Oil: Includes the improvising duo Fases in session and the Ensemble Intercontemporain under Pierre Boulez performing Luciano Berio (Sequenzas, Chemins II and IV) **12.30-12.30am News**
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

In Search of Creativity. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*
William Hartston's close inspection of the roots of creativity is carried out with the help of a panel of scientists (notably, Professor Lewis Wolpert), management gurus and psychologists. There are some surprisingly comprehensible theories about what exactly creativity is, and we must take our pick: Is it an emergent property of the nervous system? An ability to produce a solution to a problem not yet recognised? A surprise-created leap from the trial and error process? To help keep its feet on the ground, the programme mentions Gazza, Mills & Boon, and a certain supermarket chain.

The World That Came in from the Cold. *World Service, 1.15pm.*
There is a rise today in the temperature of this documentary series about the years of cold war between East and West. Detente was the name of the thaw, and it lasted from the late 1960s to the early 1970s. According to Henry Kissinger, Nixon's opening of diplomatic links with Peking started the thaw. According to most of the others interviewed today, Nixon's resignation after Watergate effectively ended it.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker of the House of Commons (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 In the Company Archives (FM only): Nigel Farrell explores Britain's corporate past
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Exodus. David Kossoff reads the seventh of ten parts (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour from Manchester. Includes an interview with the concert pianist Kathryn Stott; a debate on medical compensation; a look at bluebells; and a report on Icelandic childcare. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme: Kelvin Boot explores Britain's marshlands
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme, presented by Derek Cooper **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial: My Son, My Son, by Howard Spring. Ronald Pickup stars in the last of a five-part dramatisation (r)
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks to Deborah Cherry about the lives and talents of Victorian women artists; and explores modern images of village life in fact and fiction
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope visits the Tate of the West in St Ives, which opens next week, and talks to artists including Michael Tooby, Terry Frost, David Shalev and Patrick Heron; there is a performance by local musician Paul Hancock; and a report on the Knee High theatre company
4.45 Short Story: Absolute Delight, by Elspeth Davie. Read by David McKail (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: The transport programme with Janet Trewin
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, presented by Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Milborne Port, Somerset, by MPs Roy Hattersley and Sir Edward Heath; Jonathon Porritt, environmental campaigner; and Dame Shirley Porter, the former Lord Mayor of Westminster
8.50 Stop Press, presented by John Diamond
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Natalie Wheen talks to the conductor Bernard Haitink about his new recording of *Peter Grimes* at Covent Garden (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Witchbroom. Written and read by Lawrence Scott (5/8)
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news
11.25 The Financial Week, with Heather Payton
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.30** Gary Davies **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Friday Rock Show **11.00** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Sarah Kennedy **8.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Movie Quiz **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Matt Ross at the piano **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00-4.00** John Terrett

RADIO 5
6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Topic Resources 9-11: **9.15** Playtime; **9.30** The Music Box; **9.45** Something to Think About. **10.00** Music Workshop **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Test Match Special: England v Australia **1.00pm** News and Sport **1.10** Summer Sport: Test match cricket and racing from Ascot, including: **2.30** Windsor Castle Stakes; **3.05** Hardwicke Stakes; **3.45** Wokingham Stakes; **4.20** King's Stand Stakes **6.30** Box 13 **7.15** Finders Keepers (final part) **7.30** Popcast **8.30** Euromix **9.30** Ruby III — Part II **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** The World That Came in from the Cold **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Music Review **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Global Concerns **10.30** On the Move **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Focus on Faith **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update Noon Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** The World That Came in from the Cold: See Choice **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Lucky Jim **3.45** Global Concerns **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Science in Action **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** People and Politics **11.45** Sport Midnight News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Multitrack 3 **1.00** News **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** Recording of the Week **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Short Story: Tides and Near Occasion of Love **2.45** Jazz Now and Then **3.00** News **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Celebrity Choice: Patti Boulaye (r) **2.00** Lunchtime Concerto Howells (Concerto for String Orchestra) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert Ravel (Le tombeau de Couperin); Bruckner (Symphony No 4 in E flat, Romantic) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Alan Mann

VIRGIN 1215
6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** The Weekend Starts Here **10.00** Kevin Greening **2.00-6.00am** Sandy Beach

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Gooch made to wait five hours for breakthrough as luck deserts his side on first day at Lord's

Australian openers punish England

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

LORD'S (first day of five; Australia won toss): Australia have scored 292 for two wickets against England

ALL the threats and exhortations came to nothing. Roused by fighting talk from captain, manager and chairman, England still needed five hours to take their first wicket on the opening day of the second Test match at Lord's yesterday. There was no lack of effort, no lack of the required passion. Luck deserts habitual losers.

Graham Gooch, who has left nobody in any doubt what this game means to him, lost the toss and the chance to impose control. England bowled well, better than at any stage of the first Test, and might easily have taken wickets while the new ball was moving off the seam. But, when the tide is running against a team, the edges never go to hand.

Mark Taylor and Michael Slater took their early good fortune and took over the day. In their contrasting ways, the neat, acquisitive left-hander and his ebullient young partner fed hungrily from a good, slow pitch. Their stand of 260 was the highest for any wicket in an Ashes Test at Lord's, decidedly not the tonic which English cricket craved.

Slater, playing only his second Test, made 152 with a range of stroke and clarity of purpose suggesting it will be only the first of many. For Taylor, centuries in England are becoming mere routine. This was his second in successive Tests, his fourth in eight games in this country.

There has only been one bigger first-wicket stand by Australia against England and that was the 329 Taylor and Geoff Marsh put on at Trent Bridge in 1989, when their side completed the last of four wins in that series.

The bookmakers had formed a low opinion of England's prospects even before a ball was bowled, quoting them at 7-1 to win the game. By lunch, they had drifted to 12-1, by tea, it was 33-1 and, if Ladbrokes' betting tent at the Nursery End had not been shut due to a licensing mix-up, they would have accommodated anyone still wishing to back England by close of play at 100-1. Even at such fancy odds, few sound men would have been tempted.

Mick Hunt, the groundsman, had been up all night with his staff, mopping up the effects of Wednesday's deluge. Through their efforts, play could begin on time in the morning sunshine and England, having, like Australia, opted to play two spin bowlers, knew that early inroads were crucial. It might easily have happened, for Neil Foster and Andy Caddick were a handful for an hour, Slater being taken on the glove by Foster and all but playing on to one from Caddick that darted back off the pitch.

This was quality bowling, almost every ball compelling a shot. But it brought England nothing and, at 50 for none, Gooch summoned Such. His first ball turned enough to prompt spin at both ends and, when that produced no instant dividends, Gooch brought on Lewis and then even had a rare bowl himself.

By lunch, he had used six bowlers, operating to field-settings that were thoughtful and imaginative. Here was a captain answering charges of shallow tactics and a team responding. Yet here too, was an opening pair enjoying themselves hugely, running aggressively between the wickets and dispatching anything loose unerringly.

It was good cricket, certainly not as one-sided as the tea-time 212 without loss would have us believe. Lewis, who put up such a curiously poor effort at Old Trafford and rightly attracted the ire of Gooch and Keith Fletcher, reacted impressively, running in all day with vigour and purpose. Tufnell bowled with his mislaid loop and his mislaid smile back in place. But England could not beg or borrow a wicket.

They should have had one, shortly before tea, when Taylor was drawn down the pitch by Tufnell and hopelessly beaten by one which turned past the inside edge. He was a yard out of his ground when the ball hit Stewart on the arm. It was the second stumping opportunity wasted in successive Tests and with Stewart's batting suffering along with the confidence of the bowlers, the evidence for a proper wicketkeeper is now overwhelming.

Taylor was on 85 then, but Slater was long past his century, a milestone he recorded by punching the air repeatedly, kissing his green helmet and throwing his arms around Taylor.

Slater's strength is speed of footwork, so nimble he looks to be on wheels. It gets him in position uncommonly early, so his favourite on-drive is played from perfect position, no matter the length of the ball. At 150, however, it all suddenly seemed too easy to him and he was caught by the substitute, Ben Smith, at mid-wicket, mistiming a full-length ball as Lewis attacked him round the wicket.

Six overs later, Taylor followed and there was at least a certain justice in his end. Tufnell once more deceived him in flight, but this time, as the advancing Taylor played for turn, the ball drifted past the outside edge, a simpler stumping which Stewart gratefully completed.

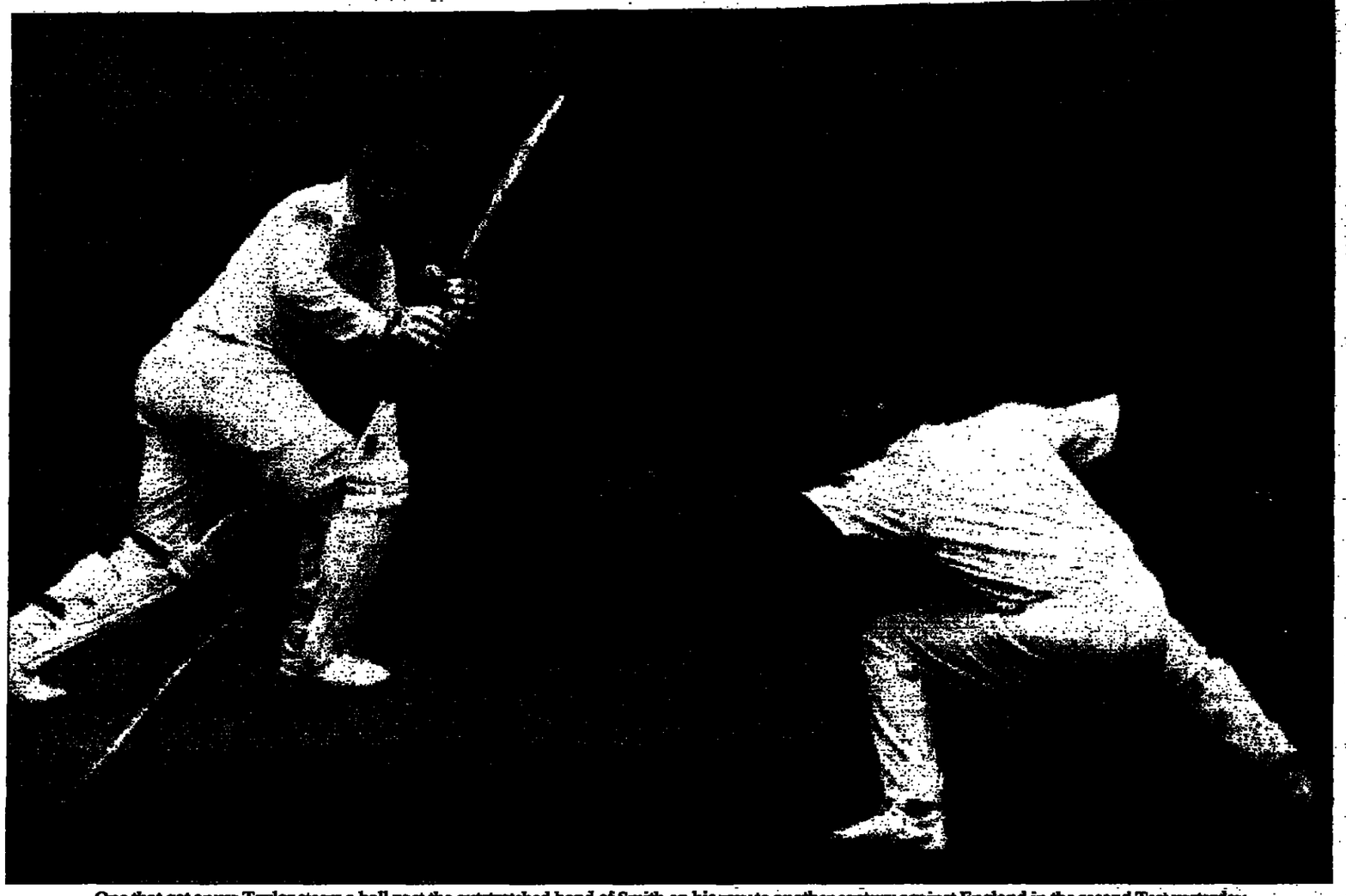
The rest was anti-climactic, with England in no hurry to bowl extra overs and Boon and Mark Waugh intent on nothing other than being in residence when play resumes this morning. They survived the second new ball, now five overs old, and unless the fates decide to favour England this morning, an awesome total is in prospect.

☐ England will play five Tests and five one-day internationals during their winter tour of the Caribbean. After months of negotiations, England won concessions on the start of the tour, which will begin in January rather than February, and on there being four warm-up matches before the internationals.

TEST MATCHES: Feb 19-24: Kingston, Jamaica (rest day Feb 22); Mar 17-22: Georgetown, Guyana (rest day Mar 21); Mar 25-30: Port-of-Spain, Trinidad (rest day Mar 26); Apr 8-13: Bridgetown, Barbados (rest day Apr 11); Apr 16-21: St John's, Antigua (rest day Apr 19).
ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS: Feb 16: Bridgetown, Barbados; Feb 28: Kingston, Jamaica; Mar 2: St Vincent; Mar 5: Port-of-Spain, Trinidad; Mar 6: Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

Martin McCague and Alan Igglesden, the Kent bowlers who have been close to England selection this summer, took nine wickets between them as Derbyshire were dismissed for 135 at Canterbury yesterday. Igglesden took four for 26, McCague five for 34. Report, page 46

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



One that got away: Taylor steers a ball past the outstretched hand of Smith on his way to another century against England in the second Test yesterday

Australia won toss

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
M A Taylor st Stewart b Tufnell — *jumping down the pitch to drive*	111	1	10	323	245
M J Slater c sub (B F Smith) b Lewis — *low drive to mid-wicket*	152	-	18	293	263
D C Boon not out	11	-	1	65	45
M E Waugh not out	6	-	-	35	26
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 10)	12				
Total (2 wkts, 360min, 84 overs)	292				

*A R Border, S R Waugh, †I A Healy, T B A May, M G Hughes, S K Warne and C J McDermott to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-260 (Taylor 100), 2-277 (Boon 2).

BOWLING: Caddick 21-4-61-0 (nb 4) (8-1-29-0, 5-1-15-0, 5-0-22-0, 3-2-1-0); Foster 19-4-59-0 (7-0-27-0; 4-2-12-0, 6-2-18-0, 2-0-2-0); Such 14-1-31-0 (4-1-5-0, 6-0-17-0, 4-0-9-0); Tufnell 15-2-65-1 (nb 5) (4-0-21-0, 7-1-35-0, 4-1-9-1); Lewis 15-1-57-1 (nb 6) (8-1-23-0, 7-0-34-1); Gooch 6-1-15-0 (w 1) (one spell); Hick 4-3-3-0 (2-2-0-0, 2-1-3-0).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 50: 55min, 14.4 overs; 100: 111min, 29.5 overs. Lunch: 101-0 (Taylor 36, Slater 63, 33 overs. 150: 176min, 48 overs; 200: 222min, 60.4 overs. Tea: 212-0 (Taylor 86, Slater 120), 67 overs. 250: 282min; 75.5 overs. New ball taken after 89.3 overs at 289-2.

Taylor: 50 in 158min, 126 balls, 5 fours, 1 six; 100: 288min, 212 balls, 9 fours, 1 six. Slater: 50: 91min, 83 balls, 6 fours; 100: 192min, 175 balls, 10 fours; 150: 289 mins, 260 balls; 18 fours.

ENGLAND: *G A Gooch, M A Atherton, M W Gatting, R A Smith, G A Hick, †A J Stewart, C C Lewis, N A Foster, A R Caddick, P M Such, P C R Tufnell.

PREVIOUS RESULT: First Test (Old Trafford): Australia won by 179 runs.

MATCHES TO COME: Third Test: Trent Bridge, July 1-6. Fourth Test: Headingley, July 22-26. Fifth Test: Edgbaston, August 5-9. Sixth Test: The Oval, August 19-23.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and D J Shepherd.

Replay umpire: J C Balderstone.

Slater shows wisdom of giving youth its head



Slater: enterprising

BY JOHN WOODCOCK

THIS time last year Michael Slater was working in the MCC cricket office at Lord's. An employee of the New South Wales Cricket Association, he was there as the beneficiary of an exchange scheme between MCC and various Australian states. Yesterday he survived an uncomfortable first hour to play the innings that we all have in our dreams.

Australia are greatly blessed in their new young batsmen — Matthew Hayden, Damien Martyn and Slater. At the moment Slater is the most favoured of the three: but Martyn, who is not in the Test side despite averaging 69 on the tour, is, if anything, the best of them. Slater and Martyn are eager, correct, well turned out right-handers, and Hayden a hefty left-hander. They have all been celebrating the depressed standard of bowling in English first-class cricket, as Dean Jones and many other Australian batsmen would have been, given the chance.

It is something of a misconception that Australia always bring a clutch of batsmen in their teens and very early twenties. But the best of them never have long to wait. The last time three of quite such tender years as Hayden (21), Martyn (21) and Slater (23) came with the same side was in 1930, when Stan McCabe was 19, Don Bradman 21 and Archie Jackson 24 — and what a trio they were.

McCabe was, I think, one of only four Australian batsmen to have toured here while still in their teens: Clem Hill was 19 when he did so in 1896, as was Neil Harvey in 1948; in 1953 Ian Craig was a stripling of 17.

Slater played the occasional outmatch for MCC while in England last year. In the first of them he scored 103 not out against Cambridge University at Fenner's. He made 15 and 0 against Ireland and 14 against Scotland, from which it might be wiser and kinder to draw no conclusions. He came up through the Australian Cricket Academy, a sort of college of further education and a fairly intense and intensive one.

After watching Slater make a hundred for New South Wales against Western Australia in Sydney last November, Alec Bedser thought so highly of him that he rang Bradman up to say as much. Yesterday Slater was lucky to get to 20; but once he had done so there was no looking back. He uses his feet as well to get behind the line against the faster bowlers as he does to go down the pitch to the spinners. Having got in, he never let the bowlers settle, and even the layman must have been struck by how straight he played.

The chances are, I am afraid, that if Slater were an Englishman he would still be playing second XI cricket, kept out of his county side by relative journeymen. He is gifted and splendidly enterprising, and he played an innings to remember; but I am not convinced that he has any more ability or is any more advanced than our own Mark Lathwell, for example. When the game in England was run by more adventurous, less seemingly prejudiced spirits, youth more often had its fling. To look on the bright side, Slater's innings was a timely reminder of that.

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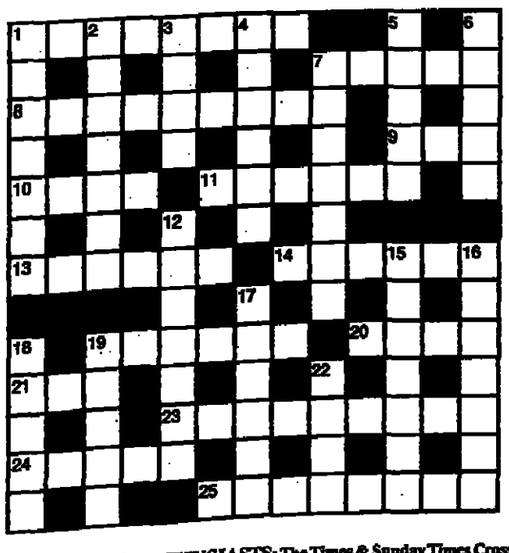
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1 Glass balls game (7)
2 Most important (7)
3 Sexual partner (4)
4 Ingenious (6)
5 Similar (5)
6 Victor (5)
7 As well (7)
12 Rattle (7)
15 Shine (7)
16 Remainder (7)
17 Textiles dealer (6)
18 Throw out (5)
19 Lather (5)
22 Pause expectantly (4)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3124

ACROSS: 7 Vile 8 Roulette 9 Scenic 10 Skimpy 11 Bray 12 Acrimony 15 Eloquent 17 Sigh 18 String 21 Length 22 Hercules 23 Lead

DOWN: 1 Visceral 2 Keenly 3 Wreckage 4 Fuss 5 Helium 6 Stop 13 Ruthless 14 Nightcap 16 Quince 17 Single 19 Team 20 Gulf

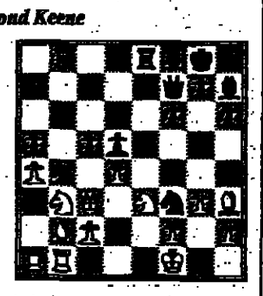
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GINGLYMUS
a. Sphagnum moss
b. A hinge-like joint
c. The Arctic mouse

PHUGOID
a. A purgative
b. Aircraft oscillation
c. Having a snub nose

SOGDIAN
a. A styptic
b. An ancient Persian
c. A type of paradox

LAVANDERA
a. A type of lavender
b. A blind auction
c. A washerwoman

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